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1 [There is no reportable action as a result of the
2 Board of Supervisors' closed session held today.]

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6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** GOOD MORNING, THE MEETING OF THE
7 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS IS CALLED TO ORDER. I WOULD LIKE TO ASK
8 THE AUDIENCE AND EVERYONE TO STAND FOR THE INVOCATION AND THE
9 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. THE INVOCATION WILL BE LED BY THE
10 REVEREND KENNETH N. CRAWFORD, CHAPEL OF THE LOS ANGELES POLICE
11 DEPARTMENT. AND THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE WILL BE LED BY OSCAR
12 ORNELAS, FORMER COMMANDER OF POST 790, WEST COVINA AMERICAN
13 LEGION. REVEREND CRAWFORD.

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15 **REV. KENNETH N. CRAWFORD:** WOULD EVERYONE PLEASE BOW YOUR HEAD
16 FOR PRAYER? FATHER, I THANK YOU FOR YOUR WORD IS SO WONDERFUL
17 AND YOUR GRACE SO AWESOME, GOD. THE PSALMIST SAYS PRAISE THE
18 LORD AND OH GIVE THANKS TO OUR GOD FOR HE IS GOOD AND HIS
19 MERCY ENDURES FOREVER. AND WHO CAN EXPRESS THE MIGHTY ACTS OF
20 OUR GOD? WHO CAN DECLARE HIS PRAISE? BUT BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO
21 KEEP JUSTICE AND HE WHO DOES RIGHTEOUSNESS AT ALL TIMES. WE
22 COME TOGETHER IN THIS BOARD MEETING THIS MORNING, LORD, AS A
23 FAMILY; AND AS A FAMILY, LORD, WE GIVE THANKS AND HONOR TO YOU
24 FOR EVERY PRECIOUS PERSON WHO GOT HERE SAFELY TODAY. AND THANK
25 YOU, OH GOD, FOR PROTECTING THEM AND SENDING YOUR ANGELS,



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1 LORD, TO KEEP CHARGE OVER THEIR LIFE. AND, LORD, WE ENTREAT
2 YOU TODAY FOR EACH AND EVERY MEMBER OF THIS BOARD, LORD. WE
3 ASK, LORD GOD, THAT YOU WOULD GIVE THEM ALL WISDOM AND
4 UNDERSTANDING, AND, LORD, HOW TO MAKE THOSE RIGHT DECISIONS
5 FOR SO MANY PEOPLE IN THE GREATEST COUNTY IN AMERICA, THE
6 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. AND, FATHER, WE ASK THAT YOU WOULD
7 STRENGTHEN OUR LEADERS, LORD, AND THAT YOU WOULD CONTINUE TO
8 GIVE THEM ZEAL, LORD, TO STAY THE COURSE AND, LORD, TO ANSWER
9 THE CALL THAT YOU BROUGHT THEM TO THIS PLACE IN THEIR LIVES.
10 AND I PRAY THAT YOUR FACE WOULD SHINE UPON THE MANY
11 NEIGHBORHOODS, LORD GOD, AND CITIES THAT ARE IN THEIR
12 DISTRICT. AND, OH GOD, THAT YOU WOULD GIVE PEACE TO THOSE
13 CITIZENS, LORD, THAT THEY WOULD COME TOGETHER IN ONE HEART TO
14 LIVE IN UNITY WITH ONE ANOTHER AND THAT YOU WOULD HELP OUR
15 LEADERS TO CREATE EFFECTIVE AND STRONG RELATIONSHIPS, LORD, SO
16 THAT CRIME COULD BE REDUCED AND PEACE COULD BE IN OUR
17 NEIGHBORHOODS. I ASK THAT YOU WOULD BLESS OUR MILITARY AND OUR
18 FIRST RESPONDERS, OH GOD. LORD, HELP THEM TO KEEP THEIR
19 RESOLVE TO PROTECT AND TO SERVE THE CITIZENS OF THIS COUNTY.
20 AND BLESS OUR MILITARY AS THEY'RE SERVING AROUND THE WORLD,
21 PROTECTING AMERICA, FATHER. PROVIDE FOR THEM AND PROVIDE FOR
22 THEIR FAMILY. AND, LORD, AS YOUR PRIEST, I ASK THAT YOU WOULD
23 BLESS THIS MEETING, LORD, THAT YOU WOULD COVER IT WITH YOUR
24 PEACE AND WITH YOUR GRACE. AND, LORD, AS TOPICS ARE DISCUSSED
25 THIS MORNING, FATHER, LET A SOLUTION BE RENDERED THAT WOULD BE



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1 BEST FOR ALL. WE PRAISE YOU AND WE GIVE YOU GLORY AND HONOR IN
2 YOUR MOST HOLY NAME. AND THOSE THAT AGREE SAID AMEN.

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4 **OSCAR ORNELAS:** PLEASE REMAIN STANDING AND JOIN ME WITH THE
5 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. [PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE RECITED.] THANK
6 YOU.

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8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

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10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MR. CHAIRMAN, IT'S A PLEASURE TO BRING DOWN A
11 GOOD FRIEND, PASTOR KENNETH CRAWFORD, WHO IS THE ASSOCIATE
12 PASTOR OF THE CHATSWORTH FOURSQUARE CHURCH AND THE SENIOR
13 CHAPLAIN FOR THE LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT. HE IS A 30-
14 YEAR MEMBER OF THE L.A.P.D. AND IS CURRENTLY ASSIGNED TO THE
15 DEVONSHIRE DIVISION'S COMMUNITY RELATIONS UNIT. HE'S ALSO THE
16 FOUNDER OF THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY FAITH COALITION CONSISTING
17 OF 500 COMMUNITY LEADERS WHO COME TOGETHER AND DEVELOP
18 EFFECTIVE PROGRAMS TO REDUCE CRIME AND TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY
19 OF LIFE FOR THE RESIDENTS OF THE VALLEY. SO HE'S MARRIED WITH
20 FOUR CHILDREN. AND IT'S A PLEASURE TO HAVE YOU HERE AND TO
21 OPEN OUR MEETING WITH PRAYER. [APPLAUSE.]

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23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** SUPERVISOR KNABE?

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1 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. IT'S
2 MY PRIVILEGE TO WELCOME AND THANK OSCAR ORNELAS WHO LIVES IN
3 THE CITY OF WHITTIER. HE'S A FORMER COMMANDER OF THE AMERICAN
4 LEGION POST NO. 790 IN WEST COVINA. HE IS JOINED TODAY BY A
5 GRANDDAUGHTER, CHLOE IS HERE WITH US TODAY. I TURNED AROUND
6 AND DIDN'T SEE ANYBODY. OKAY. OSCAR SERVED IN THE UNITED
7 STATES NAVY FROM 1970 TO 1972 AS A PETTY OFFICER THIRD CLASS
8 ABOARD THE U.S.S. RALEIGH. HE RECEIVED A NATIONAL DEFENSE
9 SERVICE MEDAL AND A NAVY GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL. HE'S A RETIRED
10 EMPLOYEE FROM OUR COUNTY PROBATION DEPARTMENT, AND HE HAS
11 LIVED IN THE FOURTH DISTRICT FOR OVER 15 YEARS. SO ON BEHALF
12 OF THE BOARD AND OUR GREAT COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, WE WANT TO
13 THANK HIM FOR TAKING THE TIME TO LEAD US IN THE PLEDGE THIS
14 MORNING AND TO THANK HIM PERSONALLY ONCE AGAIN FOR HIS SERVICE
15 TO AMERICA. CONGRATULATIONS. [APPLAUSE.]

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17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. SACHI WILL CALL THE
18 AGENDA.

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20 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** GOOD MORNING, MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS OF THE
21 BOARD, WE'LL BEGIN TODAY'S AGENDA ON PAGE 3, AGENDA FOR THE
22 MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION, ITEM NO. 1-D.
23 ON THIS ITEM, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO
24 HOLD IT. ON PAGE 4, AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF THE HOUSING
25 AUTHORITY, ITEM 1-H. THAT ITEM IS BEFORE YOU.



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** MOVED BY ANTONOVICH, SECONDED BY
3 KNABE. WITHOUT OBJECTION, UNANIMOUS VOTE.

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5 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON PAGE 5, AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF THE
6 REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT, ITEM 1-P. ON THIS ITEM,
7 AGAIN THERE IS A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD
8 IT. ON PAGE 6, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ITEMS 1-9. ON ITEM NO. 2,
9 AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH
10 REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE REFERRED BACK TO HIS OFFICE. ON
11 ITEM NO. 3, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS AND A MEMBER OF THE
12 PUBLIC REQUEST THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM NO. 8, AS
13 INDICATED ON THE POSTED AGENDA, THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF THE
14 BOARD, COUNTY COUNSEL AND THE REGISTRAR-RECORDER COUNTY CLERK
15 REQUEST THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO AUGUST 21,
16 2012. ON ITEM NO. 9, THERE IS A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE
17 PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. AND THE REMAINING ITEMS UNDER THE
18 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ARE BEFORE YOU.

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20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** MOVED BY RIDLEY-THOMAS, SECONDED
21 BY KNABE. WITHOUT OBJECTION, UNANIMOUS VOTE.

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23 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON PAGE 8, CONSENT CALENDAR, ITEMS 10-50.
24 ON ITEM NO. 13, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC
25 TO HOLD THIS ITEM. ON ITEM NO. 14, SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY



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1 REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM NO. 15, THERE'S A
2 REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. ON ITEM
3 NO. 18, THERE'S ALSO A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO
4 HOLD THIS ITEM. ON ITEM NO. 23, AND -- EXCUSE ME ON ITEM NO.
5 23, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS
6 ITEM. ON ITEM NO. 24, SUPERVISOR KNABE AND A MEMBER OF THE
7 PUBLIC REQUEST THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM NO. 29, THERE'S
8 A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. ON
9 ITEM NO. 36, THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REQUESTS THAT THIS
10 ITEM BE CONTINUED THREE WEEKS TO SEPTEMBER 4, 2012. AND ON
11 ITEM NO. 38, THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REQUESTS THAT THE
12 SETTLEMENT BE APPROVED TODAY BUT THE CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN BE
13 CONTINUED TWO WEEKS TO AUGUST 28, 2012. THE REMAINING ITEMS
14 UNDER THE CONSENT CALENDAR ARE BEFORE YOU.

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16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** IT'S MOVED BY ANTONOVICH. SECONDED
17 BY KNABE. WITHOUT OBJECTION, UNANIMOUS VOTE.

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19 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON PAGE 24, DISCUSSION ITEM, ITEM NO. 51.
20 ON THIS ITEM, WE WILL HOLD FOR THE PUBLIC HEARING. ON
21 MISCELLANEOUS ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA WHICH WERE POSTED MORE
22 THAN 72 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING AS INDICATED ON THE
23 SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEM NO. 52-A, WE WILL HOLD THIS FOR A
24 REPORT. ON ITEM NO. 52-B, THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REQUESTS
25 THAT RECOMMENDATIONS 1 AND 2 BE CONTINUED FOR THREE WEEKS TO



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1 SEPTEMBER 4, 2012. SO RECOMMENDATION 3 WILL BE BEFORE YOUR
2 BOARD; HOWEVER, SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY AND A MEMBER OF THE
3 PUBLIC REQUEST THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. AND THAT COMPLETES THE
4 READING OF THE AGENDA, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SPECIAL ITEMS
5 BEGIN WITH SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT NO. 4.

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7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** SUPERVISOR KNABE?

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9 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD,
10 SOME SPECIAL RECOGNITION TODAY. I WAS KIDDING AMY. WHERE'S
11 AMY? SHE'S ON HER WAY. THAT NORMALLY WE GIVE SCROLLS FOR
12 PEOPLE THAT ARE LEAVING. FORTUNATE FOR US, AMY'S STAYING. BUT
13 WE ARE RECOGNIZING DR. AMY GUTIERREZ TODAY, OUR DIRECTOR OF
14 PHARMACY FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES. AND JOINING
15 HER IS CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER, DR. HAL YEE. AMY HAS BEEN THE
16 DIRECTOR OF PHARMACY SINCE 2006. SHE HAS BEEN INSTRUMENTAL IN
17 IMPLEMENTING STATE-OF-THE-ART IMPROVEMENTS TO OUR DELIVERY OF
18 MEDICATIONS TO ALL OF OUR PATIENTS. SHE'S A VALUABLE MEMBER OF
19 DR. KATZ' LEADERSHIP TEAM AND HIS EFFORTS TO ROLL OUT
20 HEALTHCARE REFORM HERE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. IN ADDITION TO
21 HER WORK FOR THE COUNTY, SHE IS AN ADJUNCT PROFESSOR FOR
22 CLINICAL PHARMACY AT U.S.C. AS WELL AS THE WESTERN UNIVERSITY
23 COLLEGE OF PHARMACY. TODAY WE RECOGNIZE HER FOR HER LATEST
24 ACHIEVEMENT. SHE WAS RECENTLY APPOINTED BY GOVERNOR BROWN TO
25 SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE VERY PRESTIGIOUS STATE BOARD OF



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1 PHARMACY. THE BOARD OF PHARMACY IS A CONSUMER PROTECTION
2 AGENCY THAT OVERSEES ALL ASPECTS OF THE PRACTICE OF PHARMACY
3 HERE IN OUR GREAT STATE OF CALIFORNIA. SO WE WANTED TO
4 RECOGNIZE HER AND TO NOT ONLY THANK HER FOR ALL THAT SHE'S
5 DONE AND GOING TO CONTINUE TO DO BUT RECOGNIZE THIS VERY
6 SIGNIFICANT ACHIEVEMENT AS THE NEWEST MEMBER OF THE STATE
7 BOARD OF PHARMACY. CONGRATULATIONS, AMY. [APPLAUSE.]

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9 **DR. AMY GUTIERREZ:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. THANKS TO ALL THE
10 GREAT TEAM THAT I HAVE HERE THAT SUPPORTS ME AND ALSO LOOKING
11 FORWARD TO THE CHALLENGE OF THE STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY, TO
12 ALL OF THE CHANGES THAT WE HOPEFULLY WILL MAKE TO TRY TO
13 IMPROVE MEDICATION SAFETY ACROSS THE STATE.

14

15 **DR. HAL YEE:** ON BEHALF OF DIRECTOR KATZ AND THE DEPARTMENT OF
16 HEALTH SERVICES, I WANTED TO THANK THE SUPERVISORS AND
17 CONGRATULATE AMY FOR THIS REALLY GREAT HONOR. THANK YOU.
18 [APPLAUSE.]

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20 **SUP. KNABE:** MR. FUJIOKA WOULD LIKE TO SAY SOMETHING.

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22 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** IF I MAY. AS PART OF I THINK JUST THE COUNTY'S
23 EFFORT TO MANAGE ITS FINANCES AND TO IMPROVE ITS DELIVERY OF
24 HEALTHCARE, WHAT NEEDS TO BE RECOGNIZED IS AMY STARTED ABOUT
25 THREE YEARS AGO, FOUR YEARS AGO ON LOOKING AT HOW WE CAN



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1 IMPROVE NOT ONLY THE QUALITY OF OUR PHARMACEUTICAL SERVICES
2 BUT ALSO THE COST-EFFECTIVENESS. AND THROUGH HER EFFORTS, SHE
3 WAS ABLE TO REDUCE THE COST OF OUR PHARMACEUTICALS BY CLOSE TO
4 \$90 MILLION. AND THAT'S NOT KIND OF MAKE BELIEVE DOLLARS; IT'S
5 HARD DOLLARS THAT WE CAN EASILY DOCUMENT. AND SHE'S BEEN ABLE
6 TO DO THAT AND STILL MAINTAIN THE HIGHEST LEVEL OF PATIENT
7 CARE. BUT THAT \$90 MILLION GOES A LONG WAYS IN HELPING US
8 SERVE THE NEEDS OF THE UNDERSERVED. SO THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

9 [APPLAUSE.]

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11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH.

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13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MR. CHAIRMAN, TODAY WE HAVE THE GREAT HONOR
14 OF BRINGING DOWN ONCE AGAIN AS WE WELCOME THE 72ND ANNUAL
15 NISEI WEEK JAPANESE FESTIVAL COURT REPRESENTING THE RICH
16 CULTURAL AND PROUD HERITAGE OF OUR JAPANESE AMERICANS. THIS
17 SUNDAY WE HAD A BEAUTIFUL PARADE WITH THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE IN
18 ATTENDANCE. AND ON SATURDAY EVENING, THEY HAD THE CORONATION
19 BALL. THE FESTIVAL HAS MANY FEATURES. THEY HAVE A CULTURAL
20 EXHIBIT, A STREET ARTS FESTIVAL, A GRAND PARADE AND AN
21 AUTOMOBILE SHOW, CAR SHOW. FESTIVAL COURT HERE TODAY IS WITH
22 MICHELLE SUZUKI FROM THE LITTLE TOKYO BUSINESS ASSOCIATION AND
23 PASTOR MARK NAKAGAWA WHO IS CHAIRMAN OF THE GRAND PARADE AND
24 PASTOR OF THE METHODIST CHURCH WHERE WE MEET BEFORE THE PARADE
25 AND AFTER THE PARADE. SO NOW WE WANT TO INTRODUCE THIS YEAR'S



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1 COURT. FIRST WE HAVE THE QUEEN, EMILY MICHI IIJIMA FOLICK, WHO
2 IS A 24 YEAR OLD GRADUATE FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA,
3 IRVINE, WHERE SHE EARNED HER BACHELOR'S OF ARTS DEGREE IN
4 ECONOMICS. SHE CONTINUED HER EDUCATION AT THE FASHION
5 INSTITUTE OF DESIGN AND MERCHANDISING, WHERE SHE GRADUATED
6 WITH A DEGREE IN FASHION DESIGN, CURRENTLY WORKING FOR THE
7 LONG BAY SWIMWEAR CORPORATION. SHE ENJOYS TRAINING FOR
8 TRIATHLONS WITH HER TEAM IN TRAINING, PLAYING BASKETBALL, AND
9 DESIGNING AND CREATING CLOTHING. THIS YEAR EMILY WILL SUPPORT
10 THE LEUKEMIA AND LYMPHOMA SOCIETY. SO, EMILY, CONGRATULATIONS.
11 THIS SIDE? OKAY. FIRST PRINCESS IS CRYSTAL AKIE HANANO, WHO IS
12 RECENTLY A GRADUATE FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA LOS
13 ANGELES, EARNING A BACHELOR'S OF SCIENCE IN PSYCHOBIOLOGY. SHE
14 WORKS AT KAISER PERMANENTE AS A COORDINATOR IN THE POPULATION
15 CARE MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT, PURSUING A CAREER AS A DENTIST. IN
16 HER SPARE TIME, SHE ENJOYS PLAYING BASKETBALL, HIKING, COOKING
17 AND TRYING NEW FOODS AND RESTAURANTS. THIS YEAR SHE SUPPORTS
18 THE CHINA CARE FOUNDATION AS HER PLATFORM. SO CONGRATULATIONS.
19 MISS TOMODACHI IS KAITLYNN CHIYE SAKURAI, WHO IS A 23-YEAR-OLD
20 GRADUATE FROM SAN DIEGO STATE UNIVERSITY WITH A BACHELOR OF
21 SCIENCE IN KINESIOLOGY. SHE CURRENTLY WORKS AS A PHYSICAL
22 THERAPY AID AND PLANS TO PURSUE A CAREER AS A PHYSICAL
23 THERAPIST. HER PASTIMES INCLUDE PLAYING SPORTS, SHOPPING
24 CENTER, GOING TO THE BEACH, SWIMMING, HIKING AND FISHING. AND
25 THIS YEAR SHE'LL BE SUPPORTING PROJECT LINUS AS HER PLATFORM.



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1 PRINCESS LAUREN MIEKO TANAKA ARII, IS 23-YEAR-OLD AND
2 CURRENTLY ATTENDS CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, NORTHRIDGE.
3 MAJORING IN JOURNALISM WITH AN EMPHASIS IN BROADCASTING. SHE
4 PLANS TO PURSUE A CAREER AS A TELEVISION REPORTER. WHEN SHE'S
5 NOT IN SCHOOL, SHE WORKS IN RETAIL AND HER HOBBIES INCLUDE
6 HIKING, VISITING MUSEUMS AND AQUARIUMS AND GOING TO OUR FAMOUS
7 DISNEYLAND. SHE SUPPORTS THE MAKE-A-WISH FOUNDATION AS THIS
8 YEAR'S PLATFORM, AND WE CONGRATULATE LAUREN. PRINCESS MARCI
9 SAORI ASAO, IS A 24 YEAR OLD GRADUATE FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF
10 CALIFORNIA, IRVINE, WITH A BACHELOR'S OF ARTS IN ECONOMICS AND
11 A MINOR IN EDUCATION. CURRENTLY WORKS AS A PROGRAM LEADER AT
12 THINK TOGETHER. ASPIRES TO BECOME AN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
13 TEACHER. SHE ENJOYS PLAYING SPORTS, BASKETBALL, VOLLEYBALL,
14 JAPANESE CLASSICAL DANCE, DRAWING, TRAVELING, AND STUDYING
15 EUROPEAN ART. THIS YEAR SHE SUPPORTS KIDS IN SPORTS AS HER
16 PLATFORM. THIS IS PRINCESS ERIKA HAYAMI FISHER, IS A 22-YEAR-
17 OLD GRADUATE FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, IRVINE WITH A
18 DEGREE IN URBAN STUDIES AND A DOUBLE MINOR IN JAPANESE AND
19 PSYCHOLOGY. WORKS AS ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT FOR UNIDESIGNS
20 AND IN THE FUTURE WOULD LIKE TO OWN HER OWN SMALL BUSINESS
21 UTILIZING HER CREATIVITY AND ORGANIZATIONAL SKILLS. SHE ACTS
22 AS A STUDENT ADVISER TO THE RISING STARS YOUTH LEADERSHIP
23 PROGRAM ALUMNI COMMITTEE AND ALSO ENJOYS DO IT YOURSELF
24 PROJECTS. SHE DECIDED TO SUPPORT THIS YEAR'S N.A.T.H.A., WHICH
25 IS NEIGHBORS ACTING TOGETHER HELPING ALL. SO CONGRATULATIONS,



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1 ERIKA. AND PRINCESS SARAH MICHELLE FUJIMOTO, IS A 23 YEAR OLD
2 GRADUATE FROM AZUSA PACIFIC UNIVERSITY IN DECEMBER OF 2011
3 WITH A BACHELOR'S OF SCIENCE IN NURSING. CURRENTLY WORKS FULL-
4 TIME FOR THE LAKE ELSINORE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT AS A SCHOOL
5 NURSE. MY SCHOOL NURSE WAS VERY OLD AND FAT. [LAUGHTER.]
6 RUSSELL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, SOUTH CENTRAL LOS ANGELES. SO
7 THEY'VE IMPROVED OVER THE YEARS. VERY GOOD. I DON'T THINK THEY
8 KNEW GOOD DIET AT THAT TIME. SARAH CURRENTLY WORKS FULL-TIME
9 FOR THE LAKE ELSINORE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, I SAID, AS A
10 SCHOOL NURSE. PLANS TO OBTAIN HER SCHOOL NURSE SERVICES
11 CREDENTIAL AND WOULD LIKE TO EVENTUALLY BECOME A LEAD DISTRICT
12 NURSE. IN HER FREE TIME SHE ENJOYS DANCING, BAKING COOKIES,
13 PLAYING WITH HER BULLDOG. AND HER PLATFORM THIS YEAR IS
14 SUPPORTING THE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL. SO CONGRATULATIONS, SARAH.
15 WHO GOES FIRST? [LAUGHTER.]

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17 **EMILY MICHI IIJIMA:** THANK YOU. ON BEHALF OF THE NISEI COURT
18 AND THE NISEI WEEK FOUNDATION, WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK
19 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH AND THE ENTIRE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR
20 YOUR SUPPORT OF THE LITTLE TOKYO AREA AND OUR JAPANESE
21 AMERICAN COMMUNITY. AND I WOULD LIKE TO PRESENT TO YOU A
22 COMMEMORATIVE BOOKLET THAT WE'VE ALL SIGNED FOR YOU. THANK YOU
23 VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE.]

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1 **MARK NAKAGAWA:** MEMBERS OF THE BOARD AND MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL
2 PUBLIC, THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING THE NISEI WEEK FOUNDATION TO
3 HAVE AN AUDIENCE THIS MORNING. I KNOW YOU HAVE A LOT OF
4 PRESSING BUSINESS BEFORE YOU. THE NISEI WEEK FOUNDATION
5 CELEBRATES ITS 72ND YEAR THIS YEAR. AND AS SUPERVISOR
6 ANTONOVICH MENTIONED, OUR BIG FESTIVAL WAS THIS PAST WEEKEND.
7 HOWEVER, IT IS A NINE-DAY FESTIVAL, SO THIS COMING WEEKEND
8 HERE IN LITTLE TOKYO SATURDAY AND SUNDAY, A LOT OF FESTIVITIES
9 WILL CONTINUE. SO PLEASE COME TO LITTLE TOKYO THIS WEEKEND AND
10 TAKE PART IN THE FESTIVITIES GOING ON. NISEI WEEK TRULY
11 REFLECTS THE COUNTY, WHICH IS WHY WE'RE ALWAYS GLAD TO BE HERE
12 THIS MORNING. OUR COURT, THE SEVEN MEMBERS OF OUR COURT,
13 REPRESENT THE DIVERSE GEOGRAPHIC POINTS OF THE COUNTY FROM THE
14 SAN FERNANDO VALLEY ON THE SOUTH, TO THE SOUTH BAY TO THE
15 SOUTH, FROM THE WEST SIDE ALL THE WAY EAST TO THE SAN GABRIEL
16 VALLEY. AND SO WE REALLY REFLECT THE GEOGRAPHIC DIVERSITY AND
17 WE'RE ALSO AN INCLUSIVE ORGANIZATION. I NEED TO DISCLOSE TO
18 YOU THAT QUEEN EMILY ACTUALLY COMES FROM THAT OTHER COUNTY,
19 ORANGE COUNTY. BUT NEVERTHELESS, WE TRULY REFLECT THE
20 DIVERSITY OF THE COUNTY AND EVERYTHING IN ALL OF ITS RICHNESS
21 AND INCLUSIVENESS. THANK YOU AGAIN FOR GIVING US THIS TIME
22 HERE. AND I BELIEVE OUR COURT MEMBERS ACTUALLY HAVE A
23 COMMEMORATIVE PROGRAM TO GIVE TO EACH OF THE MEMBERS OF THE
24 BOARD AT THIS TIME.

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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. (OFF MIC
2 COMMENTS). [LAUGHTER.] (OFF MIC COMMENTS).

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4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. YOU HAVE ONE MORE, MIKE?

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6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THE PRIDE OF THE IRISH. THIS IS KELLY, WHO IS
7 A DOMESTIC SHORTHAIK, ONE YEAR OLD LITTLE GIRL. CALICO. THIS
8 IS KELLY WHO IS LOOKING FOR A HOME. HOW ABOUT ONE OF OUR
9 MEMBERS OF THE COURT? HUH? SHE KIND OF MATCHES WITH THEIR
10 LITTLE GOLD. ANYWAY, KELLY'S LOOKING FOR A HOME. YOU CAN CALL
11 562-728-4644. UH-OH. SHE WANTS TO SHOW YOU HER SPEED. OKAY. AS
12 LONG AS SHE WASN'T LOOKING FOR THE LITTER BOX. IT'S A \$9 L.A.
13 COUNTY PROMOTION. FOR HOW LONG? SO, AGAIN, YOU HAVE ANOTHER
14 MONTH. THAT'S THROUGH AUGUST. 562-728-4644 FOR LITTLE KELLY OR
15 SHE HAS A LOT OF LITTLE COUSINS AND GOOD FRIENDS THAT ARE ALSO
16 WANTING TO HAVE A HOME.

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18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, DO
19 YOU HAVE ANY PRESENTATIONS?

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21 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MR. CHAIRMAN AND COLLEAGUES, WE ARE VERY
22 PLEASED TO HAVE WITH US TODAY WITH A SPECIAL PRESENTATION THE
23 ONE AND ONLY HECTOR TOBAR AND HIS WIFE, VIRGINIA ESPINO. TODAY
24 WE HONOR HECTOR FOR HIS DYNAMIC ABILITY TO BRING THE LOS
25 ANGELES COUNTY NARRATIVE TO THE MASSES THROUGH HIS



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1 STORYTELLING SKILLS. HECTOR MAY BE FAMILIAR TO SOME IN ANOTHER
2 CONTEXT AS HE WAS THE COUNTY BUREAU REPORTER FOR THE "LOS
3 ANGELES TIMES" FROM 1992 UNTIL 1993, COVERING SUCH STORIES AS
4 THE NAMING OF THIS BUILDING AS THE KENNETH HAHN HALL OF
5 ADMINISTRATION. IN ADDITION TO HIS JOURNALISTIC ACCLAIM, HE IS
6 A CELEBRATED FICTION AND NONFICTION AUTHOR. THE STORIES HE
7 TELLS IN HIS FICTION ARE THE PEOPLE OF LOS ANGELES WHOSE
8 STORIES MAY OTHERWISE BE OVERLOOKED. HIS FIRST NOVEL, "THE
9 TATTOOED SOLDIER" WAS PUBLISHED IN 2000 AND CHRONICLED THE
10 HOMELESS AND DISPOSSESSED IN LOS ANGELES IN THE TIMES OF THE
11 1992 CIVIL UNREST. WHILE FINDING SUCCESS AS AN AUTHOR, HE
12 CONTINUED HIS DISTINGUISHED JOURNALISTIC CAREER WITH THE LOS
13 ANGELES TIMES AS A NATIONAL AND FOREIGN CORRESPONDENT, A METRO
14 COLUMNIST AND RECENTLY AS A BOOKS WRITER. HE ALSO PUBLISHED A
15 NONFICTION WORK "TRANSLATION NATION" A LITERARY JOURNALISTIC
16 CHRONICLE OF THE LIFE IN THE SPANISH SPEAKING UNITED STATES.
17 HECTOR'S SECOND NOVEL, "THE BARBARIAN NURSERIES" EARNED HIM
18 THE CALIFORNIA BOOK AWARDS GOLDEN MEDAL FOR FICTION THIS YEAR.
19 I THINK THAT DESERVES A ROUND OF APPLAUSE. [APPLAUSE.] THE
20 STORY TAKES READERS THROUGH THE DIVERGENT WORLDS OF SOUTHERN
21 CALIFORNIA FROM THE SUBURBS OF ORANGE COUNTY TO THE
22 NEIGHBORHOODS OF SOUTH LOS ANGELES. WITH THIS HONOR, HECTOR
23 TOBAR JOINS PRIOR RECIPIENTS, INCLUDING JOHN STEINBECK,
24 WALLACE STEGNER, ISHMAEL REED AND AMY TAN. THAT'S SWELL
25 COMPANY, HECTOR. HECTOR'S ROLLING. WE HONOR HECTOR TODAY AS A



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1 TRUE SON OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY. HE WAS BORN AT LOS ANGELES
2 COUNTY GENERAL HOSPITAL TO GUATEMALAN IMMIGRANT PARENTS AND
3 SPENT MUCH OF HIS CHILDHOOD IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREA OF
4 SOUTH WHITTIER. HE'S A GRADUATE OF PIONEER HIGH SCHOOL AND
5 HOLDS A BACHELOR'S DEGREE FROM U.C. SANTA CRUZ AND A MASTER'S
6 DEGREE IN FINE ARTS FROM U.C. IRVINE. HE CURRENTLY LIVES IN
7 MOUNT WASHINGTON WITH HIS WIFE, HISTORIAN VIRGINIA ESPINO, AND
8 THEIR THREE CHILDREN. AND SO WE WISH TO SAY THANK YOU TO
9 HECTOR TOBAR FOR SHARING THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY STORY THROUGH
10 EXTRAORDINARY LITERARY ACUMEN. LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, HECTOR
11 TOBAR. [APPLAUSE.] ALL RIGHT, VIRGINIA GIVES HECTOR PERMISSION
12 TO SPEAK, SO COME RIGHT ON AND EXPRESS YOURSELF.

13

14 **HECTOR TOBAR:** WELL THANK YOU VERY MUCH TO SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-
15 THOMAS AND TO THE SUPERVISORS. IT'S SUCH AN HONOR TO BE UP
16 HERE ON THE DAIS. I USED TO STAND OVER THERE IN THAT FIRST ROW
17 WHEN IT WAS THE PRESS ROW, AND MY BOSS WAS LENNY MCGUIRE WHO I
18 HAPPEN TO SEE SITTING RIGHT THERE, STANDING RIGHT THERE. HI,
19 LENNY. LENNY, I NEVER MISSED A DEADLINE. [LAUGHTER.] IT WAS A
20 GREAT HONOR TO COVER THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR ME WHEN I
21 WAS A YOUNG REPORTER HERE. I WAS A PROFESSIONAL SKEPTIC THEN.
22 SOME OF YOU WHO REMEMBER ME THEN MIGHT HAVE THOUGHT OF ME AS A
23 PROFESSIONAL JERK, BUT THAT WAS MY ROLE. BUT I WAS DEEPLY
24 HONORED THEN TO COVER THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS BECAUSE I GREW
25 UP IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY AS A SON OF IMMIGRANTS. AND I



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1 REMEMBER IN THE SIXTH GRADE LEARNING THE GETTYSBURG ADDRESS,
2 THE ENDING OF WHICH IS UP THERE IN GOLD LEAF ON THE WALL,
3 THOSE FAMOUS WORDS OF THE AMERICAN REPUBLIC. AND AFTER I LEFT
4 THIS JOB AND I BECAME A FOREIGN CORRESPONDENT I TRAVELED
5 AROUND THE WORLD AND I REALLY APPRECIATED THE CULTURE OF
6 AMERICAN DEMOCRACY EVEN MORE. YOU APPRECIATE A BODY LIKE THE
7 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND THE DEMOCRATIC CULTURE HERE WHEN YOU
8 COVER DEMOCRACIES THAT ARE YOUNG, WHEN YOU COVER DEMOCRACIES
9 THAT ARE ALMOST OVERTHROWN IN REBELLIONS THAT TAKE PLACE
10 OUTSIDE OF YOUR OFFICE, WHICH HAPPENED TO ME IN BUENOS AIRES.
11 AND I REALLY HAVE TO SAY THAT I AM NOW A KIND OF EVANGELIST,
12 FOR -- WITH ALL OF ITS FLAWS, THE POWER AND THE BEAUTY OF
13 AMERICAN DEMOCRACY. ALTHOUGH I DO HAVE TO SAY THAT THEY DO
14 HAVE BETTER VOTING MACHINES IN BRAZIL. AND YOU MIGHT WANT TO
15 CONSIDER SENDING A DELEGATION TO RIO TO CHECK OUT THEIR VOTING
16 MACHINES. BUT OTHERWISE, IT WAS A GREAT HONOR TO WORK HERE AND
17 IT'S A GREAT HONOR TO BE A LOS ANGELES COUNTY WRITER. AND
18 THANK YOU SO MUCH TO THE SUPERVISOR FOR THIS WONDERFUL HONOR.
19 THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

20

21 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN.

22

23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. LENNY WASN'T TOUGH
24 ENOUGH ON YOU, HECTOR. I'D LIKE TO CALL THE PASTOR FAMILY
25 FORWARD. COME ON UP. AND BRAD DAVIS. MEMBERS OF THE BOARD,



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1 IT'S A PRIVILEGE FOR ME TO WELCOME PAUL JOHN PASTOR WHO ALSO
2 SERVES AS A PASTOR OF A SMALL LOCAL CHURCH IN MALIBU. PAUL
3 PASTOR MINISTRY. SO WE CAN CALL YOU PASTOR PASTOR. ALL RIGHT.
4 THERE YOU GO. HIS WIFE, ELIZABETH; HIS SONS JOHN, WHO IS 15
5 YEARS OLD; TIMOTHY, WHO IS 13; AND LUKE, WHO IS 10. AND THEIR
6 NEW RESIDENCE OF MALIBU IN OUR DISTRICT. IMMEDIATELY
7 UNDERSTANDING THEIR NEWLY ADOPTED COMMUNITY'S TERRAIN AND
8 CHALLENGES, AND POTENTIAL HAZARDS, THEY WANTED TO BE AS
9 PREPARED AS POSSIBLE TO ASSIST THEMSELVES AND OTHERS IN THE
10 EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY, ESPECIALLY WHEN PROFESSIONAL RESPONDERS
11 ARE NOT IMMEDIATELY AVAILABLE. SO AS A FAMILY, THEY ENROLLED
12 IN THE 21-HOUR, SEVEN-WEEK C.E.R.T. COURSE, COMMUNITY
13 EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM PROGRAM THAT PROVIDES BASIC TRAINING
14 FOR DISASTER RESPONSE SKILLS, SUCH AS FIRE SAFETY, LIGHT
15 SEARCH AND RESCUE, TEAM ORGANIZATION AND DISASTER MEDICAL
16 OPERATIONS. THE PASTOR FAMILY GRADUATED FROM THE PROGRAM ON
17 JUNE 5, AND THEY REMARKED, AND I QUOTE "WE WOULD HIGHLY
18 RECOMMEND THIS TRAINING FOR ANYONE INTERESTED IN BETTER
19 EQUIPPING THEMSELVES BEFORE A DISASTER STRIKES." AND AN ADDED
20 BENEFIT IS THE FACT THAT THE C.E.R.T. PROGRAM PROVED TO BE A
21 GREAT FAMILY ACTIVITY. AND WE HAVE SOME NEW FRIENDS, AS WELL.
22 BRAD DAVIS, THEIR C.E.R.T. INSTRUCTOR, HAS BEEN THE CITY OF
23 MALIBU'S EMERGENCY SERVICES COORDINATOR SINCE 2003. HE LEADS
24 MALIBU'S DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THEIR EMERGENCY
25 OPERATIONS PLAN AND THE HAZARDOUS MITIGATION PLAN. SINCE 2000,



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1 BRAD HAS TAUGHT C.E.R.T. TO OVER 750 PERSONS, BUT THE PASTORS
2 ARE THE FIRST ENTIRE FAMILY TO GRADUATE FROM THE PROGRAM. BRAD
3 NOTES THAT SEPTEMBER IS NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH, SO HE
4 ENCOURAGES EVERYONE TO SIGN UP FOR A C.E.R.T. PROGRAM. AND
5 THAT'S ONE OF THE REASONS WE WANTED TO INVITE THE PASTOR
6 FAMILY HERE AND BRAD HERE, AS WELL, TO PUT A FACE ON THE
7 PROGRAM, PUT A FAMILY FACE ON THE PROGRAM AND ENCOURAGE
8 EVERYONE WITHIN THE SOUND OF OUR VOICES TO CONSIDER GETTING
9 INVOLVED IN A C.E.R.T. COURSE AND GETTING CERTIFIED. IF
10 THERE'S ANY COMMUNITY IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY THAT NEEDS AS MANY
11 C.E.R.T. CERTIFIED PEOPLE, IT'S MALIBU. AS WE CALL IT
12 AFFECTIONATELY IN OUR OFFICE MALI-BOO-BOO, BECAUSE IF THERE'S
13 GOING TO BE A DISASTER, THEY'VE SEEN IT ALL IN MALIBU. AND
14 CITIZENS LIKE YOURSELVES HAVE MADE SUCH A DIFFERENCE IN SAVING
15 LIVES AND PROPERTY OVER THE DECADES. SO WE'RE HONORED TO HAVE
16 YOU HERE AND WANT TO PRESENT YOU, JOHN, IF YOU'LL -- I'LL COME
17 OVER THERE AND WE'LL GET THE WHOLE FAMILY IN THE PICTURE, THIS
18 PROCLAMATION SIGNED BY ALL FIVE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD.

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20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** LET ME PRESENT THIS PROCLAMATION
21 TO BRAD DAVIS, WHO HAS DEDICATED BETTER THAN A DECADE, AT
22 LEAST THAT I'M AWARE OF, IN TRAINING PEOPLE IN EMERGENCY
23 PREPAREDNESS RESPONSE AND HELPING THE CITY OF MALIBU BE
24 PREPARED FOR THE INEVITABLE EMERGENCIES THAT HAVE BEFALLEN
25 THEM, WHETHER IT'S FIRE, FLOOD, LANDSLIDES, EARTHQUAKES, YOU



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1 NAME IT, MALIBU HAS SEEN IT ALL. SO, BRAD, THANK YOU FOR YOUR
2 SERVICE. [APPLAUSE.] I JUST WANT TO EMPHASIZE THAT LUKE,
3 RIGHT? 10-YEAR-OLD LUKE IS CERTIFIED. IF HE CAN BE CERTIFIED,
4 ANY 11-YEAR-OLD OR ABOVE SHOULD BE CERTIFIED. THAT'S GOOD WORK
5 ON YOUR PART. [APPLAUSE.] ALL RIGHT, DON KNABE, YOU'RE UP
6 FIRST. ACTUALLY, DO YOU WANT ME TO TAKE THE PUBLIC?

7

8 **SUP. KNABE:** SURE.

9

10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** LET ME TAKE UP THE REQUESTS TO BE
11 HEARD ON AGENDA ITEMS WHERE PEOPLE HAVE ASKED TO BE HEARD ON
12 MULTIPLE ITEMS. I M GOING CALL UP, IS ARNOLD SACHS HERE? COME
13 ON UP, ARNOLD. DR. CLAVREUL? DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL? ALL
14 RIGHT. YOU'RE ON.

15

16 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING. ARNOLD SACHS. I
17 HELD SEVERAL ITEMS. I HELD 1-D, 1-P AND ITEM NO. 9 TOGETHER IN
18 A SENSE. YOU'RE VOTING ON ITEMS FOR WHICH YOU OVERSEE. 1-D IS
19 -- 1-P IS THE PARKS, 1-D IS THE COUNTY COMMISSION
20 REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY. BUT ON THE AGENDAS FOR THE COMMUNITY
21 DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION, YOU'RE LISTED AS THE BOARD. AND I'M
22 THINKING, WELL, THERE'S A LOT BEING WRITTEN. THERE WAS A LOT
23 BEING WRITTEN ABOUT THE CITY OF BELL AND HOW THE COUNCILMEN
24 WERE SITTING ON COMMISSIONS AND PANELS THAT THEY WERE
25 EMPOWERED TO RUN AND THE MEETINGS WERE HELD CONCURRENTLY WITH



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1 THE REGULAR MEETING. WHICH BRINGS ME TO ANOTHER POINT. THERE
2 IS NO PORTION OF THIS MEETING, EITHER THE PARK COMMISSION OR
3 THE COUNTY PARKS OR THE C.B.C. THAT ALLOWS FOR PUBLIC COMMENT.
4 AND BASED ON THE FACT THAT YOU JUST DID AN ITEM ON YOUR AGENDA
5 A COUPLE WEEKS AGO OR LAST WEEK REGARDING THE BROWN ACT AND
6 BEING OPEN AND TRANSPARENT, NOT GIVING THE PUBLIC AN
7 OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK IN PUBLIC COMMENT ON THESE COMMISSION
8 MEETINGS IS REALLY UNFAIR. AND I'M CONCERNED BECAUSE PROP A
9 AND PROP C HAVE BEEN LISTED AS SOME ITEMS USED FOR FUNDING FOR
10 PARKS AND YET HERE ITEM FROM THE "BEACH REPORTER" ON AUGUST 9,
11 2012, HERMOSA BEACH HAS TO HAVE A FUNDRAISER. WHEN YOU HAVE
12 TOP OF THE POT FUNDING AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC PARKS, YOU HAVE
13 COUNTY EXCESS FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC PARKS, WHY DOES THE
14 CITY OF HERMOSA BEACH HAVE TO HAVE A PUBLIC FUNDRAISER FOR
15 PARK IMPROVEMENTS? DOESN'T MAKE SENSE. THAT BEING SAID, I HELD
16 ITEM 23 FOR THE GARDENING PROGRAM. IT MENTIONS HERE THAT THIS
17 COMPANY IS GOING TO HAVE A CONTRACT TO DEVELOP GARDENING.
18 WHO'S GOING TO PAY FOR THE SUPPLIES? THERE'S TWO PROGRAMS
19 INVOLVED IN THIS ITEM. IT SAYS IT INVOLVES RESIDENTS AND
20 SCHOOL KIDS. IS THAT COUNTY-WIDE VERSUS INCORPORATED CITIES
21 WITH THE SCHOOLS? HOW MANY SCHOOLS ARE INVOLVED? ELEMENTARY,
22 MIDDLE AND HIGH? AND THE PUBLIC, HOW IS THE FUNDING ALLOCATED
23 FOR THIS PROGRAM? AND SINCE LAST WEEK OR TWO WEEKS AGO YOU
24 ALSO DID AN ITEM ON AN L.A. UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT GREENING
25 PROJECT, WOULD THIS OVERLAP THIS GARDENING? I HELD ITEM 29,



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1 IT'S SOUND WALL CONSTRUCTION. SO I'M WONDERING WHY ISN'T
2 MEASURE R FUNDS BEING USED OR PROP A OR PROP C OR PROP 1-P
3 FUNDS BEING USED? ALL THOSE FUNDS INVOLVE CONSTRUCTION FOR
4 METRO PROJECTS. AND I WOULD THINK THAT A SOUND WALL, WE'VE HAD
5 IT AT METRO BOARD MEETINGS, WOULD BE A METRO PROJECT. DON'T
6 KNOW. AND THEN I HELD ITEM 50. YOU'RE DELETING POSITIONS. BUT
7 YOU'RE LISTING SIX AGENCIES AND YOU'RE NOT LISTING WHAT'S
8 GOING ON WITH EACH INDIVIDUAL AGENCY. HOW CAN THAT BE?

9

10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. YOUR TIME IS UP.

11

12 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES. AND I'LL BE BACK FOR ITEM 12.

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14 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** GOOD MORNING, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS,
15 DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. ON ITEM NO. 13, I AM A LITTLE
16 CHAGRINED TO SEE WE ARE MOVING TO GIVE MORE MONEY TO THE ST.
17 JOHN'S CLINIC. I KNOW THEY DO SOME GOOD WORK, BUT I THINK I
18 RESENT TO GIVE ANYMORE COUNTY MONEY TO A GROUP WHO USES THEIR
19 BUSINESS AS A LOBBYING FOR OBAMA RE-ELECTION. A COUPLE OF
20 MONTHS AGO, THERE WAS A MEETING AT ST. JOHN WITH SECRETARY OF
21 LABOR, HILDA SOLIS. AND EVERYBODY, THE EMPLOYEES OF ST. JOHN,
22 ITS DIRECTOR AND SO ON, WERE WEARING 2012 OBAMA -- WHAT CALL
23 IT, BADGES? SO THAT KIND OF UPSETS ME. AND I WILL NOT WANT
24 ANYMORE MONEY TO GO TO THAT GROUP UNTIL THEY'RE A NONPROFIT,
25 THEY ARE NOT ALLOWED TO DO ANY KIND OF POLITICKING LIKE THAT.



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1 SO I WOULD ASK THAT YOU LOOK AT THEM AND TEACH THEM NOT TO USE
2 PEOPLE'S MONEY TO LOBBY POLITICALLY. IT IS INAPPROPRIATE. ON
3 ITEM 15, AGAIN WE ARE PAYING A CONSULTANT A HUGE AMOUNT OF
4 MONEY FOR A TRANSITION FOR A M.A.C.C. PROJECT WHICH WE HAVE
5 PLENTY OF EXPERIENCE ON. WE PAY ALL THE TIME FOR THOSE. AND I
6 THINK, YOU KNOW, WORKING WITH THE COUNTY ONCE, YOU ARE
7 GUARANTEED TO WORK FOREVER, THAT NEEDS TO STOP. ON ITEM 18, WE
8 HAVE A SOLE- SOURCE AGREEMENT WITH CHARLES DREW UNIVERSITY FOR
9 POST-EXPOSURE PROPHYLAXIS SERVICE FOR H.I.V. I THINK TO HAVE
10 IT IN ONE LOCATION IS INAPPROPRIATE. I THINK THERE SHOULD BE
11 AT LEAST TWO LOCATIONS. I'M SURE MANY PEOPLE WOULD NOT WANT TO
12 GO TO DREW UNIVERSITY, NO MATTER HOW GOOD IT IS, TO RECEIVE
13 THAT TREATMENT. THE INITIAL STUDIES WERE DONE BETWEEN C.D.U.
14 AND GAY AND LESBIAN CENTER. THAT SHOULD BE I THINK DONE THAT
15 WAY AGAIN. AND SINCE I HAVE 10 SECONDS, ON LAST WEEK ON ITEM 6
16 ON MICRA I WAS NOT ALLOWED TO HEAR THE REPORT OR ANOTHER
17 MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC WAS ALLOWED TO HEAR THE REPORT.
18 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH SELECTED ANYWAY TO VOTE ON A MOTION. I
19 JUST RECEIVED THE REPORT TODAY. DR. KATZ SHOWED ENORMOUS LACK
20 OF HONESTY. I HAD COME TO HIM BEFORE THE TIME HE WROTE THE
21 REPORT. I HAVE TOLD HIM TO REALLY OUTLINE THE PROBLEM WITH
22 MICRA. HE HAD PROMISED TO DO SO. HE DID NOT DO SO. HE QUOTED
23 OUT OF CONTEXT SOME STUDY. IT WOULD HAVE BEEN THE HONEST THING
24 TO DO TO INCLUDE ALL THE STUDY, SPECIFICALLY THE ONE THAT
25 AFFECT PEOPLE OF LESS INCOME WHO ARE HURT AND CANNOT FIND AN



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1 ATTORNEY TO REPRESENT THEM. I THINK THAT'S TOTALLY
2 MISREPRESENTATION FROM DR. KATZ. THANK YOU.

3

4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. WE HAVE ON THOSE ITEMS?

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6 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** THERE'S ITEM 1-D, 1-P, 9, 15, 18, 23, 29,
7 THOSE ITEMS ARE BEFORE YOU.

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9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** MOVED BY KNABE. SECONDED BY
10 ANTONOVICH. WITHOUT OBJECTION, UNANIMOUS VOTE.

11

12 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** THANK YOU.

13

14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. SUPERVISOR KNABE?

15

16 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD.
17 FIRST OF ALL, A FEW ADJOURNMENTS, UNFORTUNATELY. FIRST OF ALL
18 THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF HAD HUGH VERNON WHITE, JR., OF
19 RICHMOND, VIRGINIA, THE FATHER OF MY PASTOR WHO PASSED AWAY ON
20 AUGUST 6. HE SERVED HIS COUNTRY AS A MEMBER OF THE UNITED
21 STATES AIR FORCE. HE WAS A FIGHTER PILOT FOR THREE YEARS. HE
22 THEN STUDIED LAW AT WASHINGTON AND LEE UNIVERSITY WHERE HE WAS
23 EDITOR IN CHIEF OF THE "WASHINGTON AND LEE LAW REVIEW." HE WAS
24 A MEMBER OF PHI BETA KAPPA, OMICRON DELTA KAPPA AND GRADUATED
25 SUMMA CUM LAUDE. HE JOINED HUNTON AND WILLIAMS, L.L.P. IN 1963



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1 AND WAS ADMITTED AS A PARTNER IN 1969. HE WAS A MEMBER OF THE
2 ST. MARY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH. ALSO SAT ON THE BOARD OF
3 DIRECTORS OF THE Y.M.C.A., HE ADDITIONALLY SERVED ON THE BOARD
4 OF TRUSTEES AT RANDOLPH-MACON WOMEN'S COLLEGE AND THE BOARD OF
5 TRUSTEES AT THE THE VIRGINIA HISTORICAL SOCIETY, INCLUDING A
6 PERIOD AS ITS CHAIRMAN. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE OF MORE
7 THAN 50 YEARS, MARY; SONS, HUGH, BILL, JOHN; AND A DAUGHTER,
8 SUNEETA; AND FOUR GRANDCHILDREN. ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN
9 MEMORY OF WILMA OUDEGA, WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 87. BORN
10 IN THE NETHERLANDS SHE IMMIGRATED WITH HER PARENTS AT A VERY,
11 VERY YOUNG AGE AND SETTLED IN DAIRY COMMUNITIES AROUND
12 ARTESIA, PARAMOUNT, AND CERRITOS, WHERE SHE LIVED MOST OF HER
13 LIFE. 1950, SHE MARRIED AL AND THEY RAISED THREE CHILDREN. SHE
14 WAS A LONGTIME MEMBER OF THE EMMANUEL REFORMED CHURCH AND WAS
15 EMPLOYED FOR MANY YEARS BY A.B.C. UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT. SHE
16 IS SURVIVED BY HER HUSBAND, AL; THREE CHILDREN, AILEEN, WENDY
17 AND RANDY. FINALLY THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF BRUNA
18 CABALLERO, WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 98 ON AUGUST 4. SHE
19 WAS BORN IN SAN FERNANDO, MOVED TO SOUTH GATE AND THEN LIVED
20 THERE UNTIL SHE -- SHE LIVED IN LOS ALAMITOS AT A WONDERFUL
21 HOME DOWN THERE FOR A WHILE. SHE'S SURVIVED BY HER TWO SONS,
22 TOM AND LARRY, LARRY WHO I KNOW VERY WELL; FOUR GRANDSONS AND
23 THREE GREAT GRANDCHILDREN. THOSE ARE MY ADJOURNMENTS.

24

25 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.



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SUP. KNABE: I BELIEVE I HELD ITEM NO. 24. I JUST HAD SOME
QUESTIONS FOR THE DEPARTMENT, IF ANYONE HERE IS FROM PUBLIC
WORKS. HI. MY QUESTIONS ARE PRETTY BASIC. I THINK THIS IS THE
FIRST TIME IN A LONG TIME I CAN REMEMBER SEEING A FLAGGING
CONTRACT ON OUR BOARD AGENDA. IS THIS THE FIRST TIME WE'VE
EVER CONTRACTED FOR THIS SERVICE? IT IS? AND I GUESS IS THIS -
- CAN YOU MAYBE SORT OF EXPLAIN WHAT THIS IS? BECAUSE I ALWAYS
THOUGHT THAT WHEN WE CONTRACT WITH VARIOUS CONTRACTORS, THE
FLAGGING WAS PART OF THE CONTRACT. I THINK I'M BEING TOLD THAT
IT STILL IS, BUT THIS IS FOR SOMETHING -- THIS IS FOR
EMERGENCIES?

13

SPEAKER: THIS IS FOR OUR CREWS AND WHEN OUR CREWS ARE DOING
WORK, WE'RE DOING FLAGGING FOR OUR OPERATIONS, THE ROAD
MAINTENANCE DIVISION.

17

SUP. KNABE: WE DON'T HAVE EMPLOYEES THAT DO THAT? WE CONTRACT
WITH IT?

20

SPEAKER: WE DO IT WITH OUR OWN CREWS NOW. BUT THIS IS TO FREE
UP OUR GUYS.

23

SUP. KNABE: IN CASE OF EMERGENCY OR SOMETHING?

25



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1 **SPEAKER:** EMERGENCY, AND THEN SOMETIMES WE HAVE OUR HEAVY TRUCK
2 DRIVERS OR OUR POWER EQUIPMENT OPERATORS FLAGGING. WE'D RATHER
3 HAVE THEM IN EQUIPMENT CLEARING DEBRIS.

4

5 **SUP. KNABE:** WE'LL ONLY PAY FOR THAT WHEN WE USE IT, RIGHT?

6

7 **SPEAKER:** CORRECT. IT'S AN AS NEEDED.

8

9 **SUP. KNABE:** ALL RIGHT. I DON'T HAVE ANY OTHER QUESTIONS. I'LL
10 MOVE THE ITEM.

11

12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** MOVED BY KNABE. SECONDED BY
13 RIDLEY-THOMAS. WITHOUT OBJECTION.

14

15 **SUP. KNABE:** I DON'T BELIEVE I WAS HOLDING ANYTHING ELSE, SIR.

16

17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** UNANIMOUS VOTE. SUPERVISOR
18 ANTONOVICH?

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I'D LIKE TO MOVE THAT WE ADJOURN IN THE
21 MEMORY OF A VERY DEAR FRIEND AND ONE OF OUR COMMUNITY LEADERS
22 HERE WHO PASSED AWAY ON AUGUST 7, AND THAT'S CELIA "SALLY" DEL
23 JUNCO, WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 80. SHE'S SURVIVED BY HER
24 HUSBAND, DR. DEL JUNCO AND THEIR CHILDREN, DR. DEL JUNCO, JR.,
25 AND ROBERT AND ROSE AND MARIA AND 15 GRANDCHILDREN. SHE WAS



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1 QUITE INVOLVED IN THE COMMUNITY, ACTIVE WITH THE REPUBLICAN
2 PARTY, ONE OF OUR LEADERS. AND SO WE ADJOURN IN HER MEMORY.
3 VIOLET DAKOVIC, WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 86. HER PARENTS
4 CAME FROM THE OLD COUNTRY, AND SHE WAS BORN IN THE UNITED
5 STATES. SHE PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 86. SHE WAS A ROSE QUEEN
6 PRINCESS IN THE 1946 ROYAL COURT OF THE PASADENA TOURNAMENT OF
7 ROSES. HER LATE HUSBAND, GEORGE, WAS A PIPELINE CONTRACTOR.
8 THEY STARTED A VERY SUCCESSFUL FAMILY CONSTRUCTION BUSINESS,
9 GEORGE DAKOVIC AND SON, INCORPORATED. SHE WAS QUITE ACTIVE AT
10 ST. STEVEN'S SERBIAN ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL IN ALHAMBRA. SHE IS
11 SURVIVED BY HER SON, DANIEL; TWO GRANDDAUGHTERS; A SISTER; AND
12 NUMBER OF EXTENDED FAMILY. JUDGE JOHN MERRICK, PASSED AWAY AT
13 THE AGE OF 93. HE SERVED AS A MEMBER OF THE JUDICIARY. HE
14 WORKED AS A REPORTER FOR THE ASSOCIATED PRESS, SERVED IN THE
15 UNITED STATES ARMY DURING WORLD WAR II, PRESIDENT OF THE MANY
16 LOCAL CIVIC GROUPS AND HE TAUGHT AT SANTA MONICA COLLEGE AND
17 PEPPERDINE UNIVERSITY. ADMIRAL AND RETIRED SECRETARY OF ENERGY
18 UNDER PRESIDENT GEORGE H.W. BUSH, JAMES WATKINS, PASSED AWAY.
19 HE WAS 85. AFTER TAKING CHARGE OF THE ENERGY DEPARTMENT IN
20 1989, HE LAUNCHED THE FIRST PROGRAM TO CLEAN UP POLLUTION AS
21 THE NATION'S NUCLEAR PLANTS AND SPEARHEADED THE NATION'S
22 ENERGY. HE DEVELOPED A 10-POINT PLAN TO STRENGTHEN
23 ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND WASTE MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES AND
24 AGENCY. AND HE INSTITUTED A POLICY DESIGNED TO DECREASE
25 AMERICAN DEPENDENCE ON FOREIGN OIL. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS



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1 WIFE, JANET; AND THEIR SIX CHILDREN, KATHERINE, LAURA,
2 CHARLES, SUSAN, JAMES, EDWARD; AND HIS BROTHER, JOHN, WHO IS
3 ONE OF MY COMMISSIONERS AND QUITE ACTIVE IN THE SAN GABRIEL
4 VALLEY WITH THE BOYS REPUBLIC AND ALSO WITH OUR ARCHDIOCESE.
5 JESSIE CULVER PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 93. SHE WAS A LONGTIME
6 RESIDENT OF THE SUN VILLAGE, THE FOUNDING MEMBER OF THE SUN
7 VILLAGE WOMEN'S CLUB AND DRIVING FORCE IN THE CREATION OF
8 JACKIE ROBINSON PARK. SHE LEAVES HER DAUGHTERS RUBY, ROSIE,
9 DEBRA, JEAN, IRENE AND EDITH; AS WELL AS MANY GRANDCHILDREN;
10 110 GREAT GRANDCHILDREN; AND 26 GREAT GREAT GRANDCHILDREN.
11 OVER 700 PEOPLE TURNED OUT FOR HER FUNERAL. SHE WAS A
12 WONDERFUL LADY AND QUITE INVOLVED IN OUR COMMUNITY IN THE
13 ANTELOPE VALLEY. RETIRED DEPUTY RICHARD LYNCH PASSED AWAY AT
14 THE AGE OF 70. RETIRED DEPUTY WILLIAM [WILBUR] "BILL" SARTER,
15 SERGEANT WITH THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. HE
16 WAS WITH THE VICE BUREAU. ALBERT ZAPANTA PASSED AWAY AT THE
17 AGE -- HE WAS IN HIS 60S. PASSED AWAY ON AUGUST 7. HE WAS THE
18 CAPTAIN OF THE U.S.C. RUGBY TEAM, A TRACK AND FIELD LETTERMAN
19 AND BACKFIELD STAR AND TWO-TIME ROSE BOWL PLAYER ON THE TROJAN
20 FOOTBALL TEAM. HE SERVED IN THE ARMY IN WORLD WAR II. SURVIVED
21 BY HIS TWO CHILDREN, ALBERT AND DIANE. SISTER PETER MARIE
22 MUNOZ- NAJAR PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 56. SHE TAUGHT AT THE
23 ARCHDIOCESE OF THE BISHOP MONTGOMERY HIGH SCHOOL. MEMBER OF
24 THE SISTERS OF ST. JOSEPH OF CARDOLET, THE ORDER THAT MY AUNT
25 IS A MEMBER OF. RUTH LASAGNA, SHE WAS THE MOTHER OF MY FORMER



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1 DEPUTY, SHERRY. RUTH PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 98. 60-YEAR
2 RESIDENT OF LANCASTER. SHE LEAVES HER CHILDREN, JOHN, GORDON,
3 CLAUDIA; NINE GRANDCHILDREN AND 14 GREAT GRANDCHILDREN. DEPUTY
4 RUSSELL PETRIE RETIRED. HIS LAST ASSIGNMENT ALSO WAS WITH THE
5 VICE BUREAU. AND MAURICE JONES, RETIRED DEPUTY SHERIFF, HIS
6 LAST ASSIGNMENT WAS COURT SERVICES, WEST BUREAU. THOSE ARE MY
7 ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS.

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9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** LET ME CALL UP ITEM NO. 52. IS COLONEL SMITH
12 HERE?

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14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** 52-A.

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16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** 52-A.

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18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** NO, COLONEL SMITH IS NOT HERE.

19

20 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** IS NOT HERE. WE HAVE RUTH WONG, WHO IS ALSO,
21 JAN TAKATA IS GOING TO STEP UP, AND I'LL ALSO BE MAKING SOME
22 COMMENTS.

23

24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THE QUESTION RELATIVE TO PATRIOTIC HALL, THE
25 MEMBER OF THE VETERAN ORGANIZATIONS HAVE BEEN CONCERNED THAT



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1 BECAUSE THE RENOVATIONS ARE GOING TO DECREASE THE SQUARE
2 FOOTAGE BECAUSE OF THE RENOVATIONS AS A RESULT OF EARTHQUAKE
3 SAFETY, THEY WERE NOT DIRECTLY INVOLVED IN THE REARRANGING OF
4 THE ALLOTMENT WHERE THESE OFFICES WOULD BE, AND WE HAVE A
5 NUMBER OF VETERANS COMING BACK FROM THE VARIOUS CONFLICTS THAT
6 WE ARE INVOLVED IN. IT WOULD BE RESPONSIBLE THAT THE VETERAN
7 ORGANIZATIONS, THE STAKEHOLDERS WHICH PATRIOTIC HALL WAS BUILT
8 FOR WOULD HAVE BEEN AT THE TABLE AT THE BEGINNING AND NOT AT
9 THE END IN THE REALIGNING AND GIVING OF OFFICE SPACE TO THESE
10 INDIVIDUALS. SO THERE'S A COMPLETE BREAKDOWN THAT HAS CREATED
11 THIS. STAKEHOLDERS PLANS WERE IN PLACE AND SPACE HAS BEEN
12 ALLOTTED AS MANY HAVE BEEN TOLD. MULTIPLE VETERAN GROUPS HAVE
13 RELAYED TO OUR OFFICE DISSATISFACTION WITH THE SPACE
14 ASSIGNMENTS, THAT THEY WERE TOLD THEY HAD BEEN ALLOCATED. YET
15 A MEMO TO OUR BOARD THIS WEEK ASSURED US THAT THERE'S NO SPACE
16 ASSIGNMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE.

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18 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** WELL SIR, IF I COULD HELP.

19
20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** CLARIFY THAT, MR. FUJIOKA.

21
22 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** YES. WE'RE RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANCE OF
23 INSURING THAT OUR VETERANS' GROUPS ARE INVOLVED WITH THIS
24 PROCESS. I CAN ASSURE YOU THAT NO FINAL DECISIONS HAVE BEEN
25 MADE. THERE WAS SOME PRELIMINARY INFORMATION THAT WAS SHARED,



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1 BUT IT WAS JUST THAT, PRELIMINARY. FINAL DECISIONS HAVE NOT
2 BEEN MADE AND WILL NOT BE MADE UNTIL WE MEET WITH ALL
3 VETERANS' GROUPS. IN FACT, LAST WEEK, I SENT A LETTER OUT TO
4 ALL THE VETERANS' GROUPS THAT HAVE IN THE PAST HAD ANY KIND OF
5 RELATIONSHIP WITH THE BOB HOPE PATRIOTIC HALL MAKING A STRONG
6 COMMITMENT THAT WE'LL BE WORKING WITH THEM TO ENSURE THEY HAVE
7 INPUT IN THE -- IN HOW WE'RE GOING TO ALLOCATE SPACE AT THE
8 FACILITY. I'VE ASKED RUTH WONG TO TAKE ON A TEMPORARY
9 ASSIGNMENT AT THE BOB HOPE PATRIOTIC HALL TO HELP MANAGE THE
10 DAY-TO-DAY ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES. RUTH IS A RETIRED -- ARE
11 YOU RETIRED YET -- BRIGADIER GENERAL? AND HAS EXTENSIVE
12 EXPERIENCE IN THE MILITARY. BUT WHAT'S REALLY IMPORTANT IS,
13 IT'S UNFORTUNATE THAT THERE'S SOME -- I'LL JUST CHARACTERIZE
14 IT AS BAD INFORMATION. AND WITH THAT SOME BAD RUMORS OUT
15 THERE. BECAUSE THE PLAN HAS NOT BEEN FINALIZED. BUT THE ONE
16 THING THAT WE NEED TO RECOGNIZE IS THAT THE AMOUNT OF USABLE
17 SPACE AT THE FACILITY HAS DECREASED SIGNIFICANTLY. AND THAT'S
18 BEEN CAUSED BY THE NEED TO UPGRADE ELECTRICAL PANELS, TO
19 INSTALL A.D.A.-COMPLIANT REST ROOMS ON THE VARIOUS FLOORS OF
20 THE HALL, EVEN TO INSTALL ADDITIONAL WOMEN'S RESTROOMS ON THE
21 HALLS AND A BRAND NEW H.V.A.C. SYSTEM. IT'S ALSO IT'S ALWAYS
22 THE INTENT, I THINK THE BOARD RECOGNIZED THE NEED TO PROVIDE
23 SOME QUALITY SERVICES TO OUR VETS. AND SO WE'RE LOOKING AT HOW
24 WE CAN ACHIEVE THAT GOAL, TO ENSURE THAT THE MANY NEEDS, THE
25 INCREASING NEEDS OF OUR VETS AS NOT ONLY THOSE FROM PAST WARS



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1 BUT THOSE WHO ARE RETURNING FROM MILITARY SERVICE NOW ARE MET
2 AND WE PROVIDE THOSE SERVICES. BUT, JAN, DO YOU HAVE ANYTHING
3 ELSE TO OFFER?

4

5 **JAN TAKATA:** NO. JUST TO AMPLIFY WHAT BILL IS SAYING. IN TERMS
6 OF THE RESTROOMS, WE HAD TO ADD 14 ADDITIONAL A.D.A.-COMPLIANT
7 RESTROOMS. WE LOST OR GAVE UP THE PART OF THE THIRD FLOOR, ALL
8 OF THE FIFTH FLOOR, SEVENTH FLOOR, NINTH FLOOR TO THE NEW
9 MECHANICAL EQUIPMENT, PRIMARILY AIR HANDLING, H.V.A.C., NEW
10 PLUMBING, NEW ELECTRICAL, COMMUNICATIONS. SO WE DID LOSE A
11 SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT OF SQUARE FOOTAGE, USABLE SQUARE FOOTAGE.
12 WE ALSO EXPANDED IN THE BASEMENT, THE MECHANICAL ROOM. ADDED
13 FIRE CONTROL, WATER CONTROL, ELECTRICAL CONTROL, FIRE PUMPS
14 FOR THE NEW FIRE SPRINKLERS IN THE BUILDING, NEW ELECTRICAL
15 CHASES, PLUMBING CHASES THROUGHOUT THE BUILDING. SO WE DID
16 LOSE A SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT OF SQUARE FOOTAGE.

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND WHAT WAS THE INVOLVEMENT OF THE
19 STAKEHOLDERS WHEN THESE PLANS WERE BEING DEvised AS TO WHAT
20 WOULD GO WHERE AND WHICH FLOORS WOULD BE AFFECTED?

21

22 **JAN TAKATA:** IN TERMS OF THE ACTUAL DESIGN FACTORS, WE ADVISED
23 THEM WE WOULD BE LOSING SQUARE FOOTAGE. WE DID NOT DISCUSS
24 WITH THEM WHERE. THAT WAS LEFT TO THE ARCHITECT DESIGN TEAM.

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BUT WERE THEY INVOLVED WITH THE ARCHITECT
2 DESIGN TEAM? JUST LIKE WHEN WE HAVE TOWN COUNCILS, WE HAVE
3 DEVELOPERS GO TO THE COMMUNITY AND DESIGN THE PLANS THAT THEY
4 ARE GOING TO BE BUILDING BEFORE IT COMES TO THE BOARD. AND IT
5 WOULD SEEM THAT WE HAVE A PATRIOTIC HALL WITH ESTABLISHED
6 VETERANS' ORGANIZATIONS, THAT THEY WOULD HAVE BEEN UP FRONT
7 FROM THE BEGINNING TO THE END AND NOT FIND OUT AT THE END THAT
8 THERE ARE SOME SERIOUS PROBLEMS.

9

10 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** IF I MAY ON THAT. WHEN IT COMES TO THE
11 INSTALLATION OF A.D.A.-COMPLIANT RESTROOMS.

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH THE RESTROOMS. I
14 MEAN, EVERYBODY WANTS TO HAVE A GOOD A.D.A. RESTROOM. NOBODY'S
15 GOING TO COMPLAIN ABOUT THAT. BUT WHEN WE'RE TALKING ABOUT
16 WHERE WE'RE GOING TO PUT EQUIPMENT ON THIS FLOOR OR THAT
17 FLOOR, OR WHATEVER, HAVING THEM AT THE TABLE FINDING OUT UP
18 FRONT WHAT IS GOING TO BE DONE AND THEN FIGURING OUT HOW ARE
19 WE GOING TO ALLOCATE THE SPACE UP FRONT, THEN YOU'RE NOT GOING
20 TO HAVE THE PROBLEM THAT WE HAVE TODAY WHERE YOU HAVE A DESIGN
21 BUILT BY OTHERS THAN THE VETERAN STAKEHOLDERS WHO ARE
22 OCCUPYING, THAT'S WHAT I'M SAYING.

23

24 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** WHEN IT COMES TO THE ACTUAL ALLOCATION OF
25 SPACE, YOU'RE ABSOLUTELY RIGHT. WHEN IT COMES TO THE



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1 INSTALLATION OF THE ELECTRICAL, THE PLUMBING, THE H.V.A.C.
2 SYSTEMS, THAT BECOMES A STRUCTURAL ENGINEER.

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4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ABSOLUTELY.

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6 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** BUT WHEN IT COMES TO SPACE, YOU'RE ABSOLUTELY
7 RIGHT.

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9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BUT THEY'RE AT THE TABLE AND THEY SEE THAT
10 AND UNDERSTAND FROM THE BEGINNING SO THAT, THEN, NOBODY IS
11 GOING TO COMPLAIN THAT YOU HAVE TO DO A.D.A. IN A RESTROOM.
12 WE'RE TALKING ABOUT POTENTIAL DISLOCATION OF VIABLE
13 ORGANIZATIONS THAT ARE IN THE FOREFRONT OF HELPING OUR
14 VETERANS GET BACK INTO THE MAINSTREAM. AND WE ARE HAVING A
15 NUMBER OF VETERANS COMING OUT. AND WE SHOULD BE IN THE
16 FOREFRONT BECAUSE WE HAVE PERHAPS THE LARGEST NUMBER OF
17 VETERANS IN THE UNITED STATES, OR ONE OF THE LARGEST IN
18 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA.

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20 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** AND YOU'RE RIGHT. AND THAT'S WHY AT THIS POINT
21 IN TIME WE'VE MADE AN ABSOLUTE COMMITMENT, AND WE'LL HAVE --
22 RUTH WILL BE THERE AND JAN AND OTHERS TO WORK WITH THE
23 VETERANS' GROUPS NOW TO SHOW THEM WHAT WE HAVE AND WHAT WE'VE
24 DONE TO THE BUILDING AND THEN TO TAKE THAT CRITICAL STEP OF
25 FINALIZING THE SPACE PLAN.



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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IN THE BIO THAT WAS GIVEN TO US, RUTH, IT'S
3 12 YEARS OLD. IT'S NOT A CURRENT BIO. ARE YOU STILL INVOLVED
4 WITH THE MILITARY WOMEN IN NEED?

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6 **RUTH WONG:** I AM A MEMBER OF THAT ORGANIZATION.

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8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BUT NOT INVOLVED LIKE BEFORE?

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10 **RUTH WONG:** NO, I AM NOT.

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12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BECAUSE THE QUESTION WAS, IS THERE A CONFLICT
13 OF INTEREST?

14

15 **RUTH WONG:** I'M NOT A MEMBER OF THAT ORGANIZATION.

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MAYBE YOU COULD ALSO GIVE US A CURRENT BIO,
18 THAT WOULD BE HELPFUL.

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20 **RUTH WONG:** I WILL.

21

22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** YES, WE HAVE THREE PEOPLE WHO WANT
23 TO BE HEARD. GEORGE RHEAULT. IS HE HERE? OKAY. GLEN ROOSEVELT.
24 AND ARNOLD SACHS.

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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** GOOD MORNING. GO AHEAD.

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3 **GEORGE RHEAULT:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. I, TOO, HEARD ABOUT
4 THE CHAOS GOING OVER AT THE PATRIOTIC HALL RENOVATION. AND I'M
5 DISAPPOINTED IN THE CROCODILE TEARS BEING SHED BY THE
6 SUPERVISORS TODAY ABOUT THIS CHAOS. IT IS AN ABSOLUTE COMMON
7 PRACTICE WHEN AN ARCHITECT AND ENGINEERS GET INVOLVED IN A
8 PROJECT TO HOLD USER MEETINGS AND TO BUILD AND PUT TOGETHER A
9 BUILDING PROGRAM, I.E., WHAT THE BUILDING IS ACTUALLY GOING TO
10 BE USED FOR, AND WHO IS GOING TO USE IT. THIS BUILDING WAS
11 CLOSED IN 2006 FOR RENOVATION. I BELIEVE THE PROJECT WAS
12 ANNOUNCED IN 2008, OR THEREABOUTS. THERE HAVE LITERALLY BEEN
13 YEARS TO FIGURE OUT WHAT THESE VETERAN GROUPS WOULD BE DOING
14 INSIDE THIS BUILDING. AND AGAIN TO HAVE THESE CROCODILE TEARS
15 SHED TODAY BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH ABOUT WHY WEREN'T THE
16 VETERAN GROUPS CONSULTED? WELL, I THINK YOU HAVE NO ONE TO
17 BLAME BUT YOURSELVES FOR THAT OVERSIGHT SINCE YOU APPARENTLY
18 HAVE HAD MUCH, MUCH TIME TO LOOK INTO THESE QUESTIONS AND YOU
19 SIMPLY DIDN'T ASK THEM.

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21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AS YOU KNOW, THERE IS A NEW GOVERNANCE. THE
22 C.E.O. IS IN CONTROL. WE ARE IN ADVISORY POSITION. WE ARE NOT
23 IN CONTROL.

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1 **GEORGE RHEAULT:** I THINK YOU HAVE THE BULLY PULPIT. AND I THINK
2 YOU HAVE A TREMENDOUS ABILITY TO PROJECT YOUR QUESTIONS INTO
3 THE PUBLIC ARENA IF YOU CHOOSE TO, AND YOU SIMPLY DID NOT DO
4 THAT. THESE VETERAN GROUPS ARE BEING PUSHED ASIDE BECAUSE THEY
5 DON'T SERVE A PURPOSE. THIS HAS BEEN A VERY EXPENSIVE
6 RENOVATION. TENS OF MILLIONS OF DOLLARS GOING TO CONTRACTORS
7 AND ARCHITECTS, MANY OF WHOM PROBABLY HAVE TIES TO YOUR
8 EXECUTIVE OFFICES IN ONE WAY OR ANOTHER AND SOME OF THE
9 LOBBYING FIRMS THAT REPRESENT THEM. THIS IS BEING TURNED INTO
10 EFFECTIVELY A CONFERENCE FACILITY, ONE THAT I'M SURE YOUR
11 SUPERVISORIAL OFFICES WILL USE FULLY AT YOUR DISPOSAL FOR
12 VARIOUS EVENTS AND FUNCTIONS. AND THESE VETERAN GROUPS SIMPLY
13 HAVE BEEN PUSHED ASIDE. AND THEY PROBABLY SHOULD ACCEPT THE
14 REALITY THAT IF THEY CAN'T BRING MONEY TO THE TABLE TO MAKE
15 THIS RENOVATION HAPPEN, THAT'S PROBABLY GOING TO BE THEIR
16 FATE. HOWEVER, THEY SHOULD NOT BE SUBJECTED TO THESE CROCODILE
17 TEARS TODAY AS IF IT WAS SOME KIND OF MINOR OVERSIGHT THAT
18 THEY WERE NEVER CONSULTED IN THE BUILDING PROGRAM AND THE USER
19 GROUPS THAT SHOULD HAVE BEEN STUDIED AT THE BEGINNING OF THIS
20 PROJECT AND SHOULD HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN THE PLANNING. IF THAT
21 WASN'T DONE AND IF ALL OF THE SQUARE FOOTAGE IN THE BUILDING
22 WAS TAKEN OUT FOR ALL OF THESE BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS, FRANKLY,
23 I THINK THIS RENOVATION'S BEEN A MONEY PIT. AND IT HAD NOTHING
24 TO DO WITH THE VETERANS' GROUP. IT HAD TO DO WITH SHOVELING



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1 MONEY TO CONTRACTORS WHO COULD DELAY AND DELAY AND DELAY AND
2 PUMP UP THE COST OF THE PROJECT.

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4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. MR. ROOSEVELT.

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6 **GLEN ROOSEVELT:** I'M GLEN ROOSEVELT. I AM A MEMBER OF THE
7 AMERICAN LEGION BASED ON MY SERVICE IN THE UNITED STATES
8 MARINE CORPS FROM 1961 TO 1967. AND I WORK AS A VOLUNTEER FOR
9 THE DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS. WITH REGARD
10 TO WHAT C.E.O. FUJIOKA MENTIONED ABOUT THE MISINFORMATION AND
11 MISCOMMUNICATION THAT IS OUT WITHIN THE COMMUNITY, I WOULD
12 LIKE TO ADDRESS THE ARTICLE ON THIS SUBJECT THAT WAS IN THE
13 RECENT ADDITION OF THE "LOS ANGELES TIMES." THE ARTICLE IN THE
14 "LOS ANGELES TIMES" ON FRIDAY, AUGUST 10, 2012, WAS A
15 DISSERVICE TO THE VETERANS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY, THE BOARD OF
16 SUPERVISORS, THE C.E.O., CAPITAL PROJECTS OFFICE, PUBLIC WORKS
17 DEPARTMENT AND THE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AND VETERANS'
18 AFFAIRS. THERE ARE SO MANY INACCURACIES AND DISTORTIONS
19 PARROTED IN THIS ARTICLE, IT IS DIFFICULT TO LIST THEM ALL. BY
20 MINDLESSLY ECHOING WORDS LIKE "BOOTED OUT," "SHUFFLED,"
21 "CRAMMED" AND "CUBBYHOLES" THIS DREADFUL PIECE OF REPORTING
22 COMPLETELY DISCREDITS THE DEDICATION OF THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT
23 TO RESTORE BOB HOPE PATRIOTIC HALL TO A MODERN FACILITY THAT
24 CAN HELP PROVIDE AND COORDINATE THE SERVICES THAT OUR HONORED
25 AND RESPECTED VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES RIGHTFULLY DESERVE.



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1 THE COUNTY DEPARTMENTS INVOLVED IN THE RESTORATION GAVE A
2 HIGHLY DETAILED AND ACCURATE REVIEW OF THE DIFFICULT WORK
3 INVOLVED IN UPGRADING THE FACILITIES OF THIS 86-YEAR-OLD
4 BUILDING AT THE MEETING ON JUNE 4. IT APPEARS THAT ALL THE
5 VETERANS THAT ATTENDED THAT MEETING BUT A FEW UNDERSTOOD THOSE
6 CHALLENGES AND APPRECIATED THE EFFORTS OF THE COUNTY, THAT THE
7 COUNTY WAS EXPENDING ON THEIR BEHALF. AMERICAN LEGION PAST
8 DEPARTMENT COMMANDER HUGH CROOKS WAS NOT ABLE TO ATTEND THAT
9 MEETING BUT IF HE HAD, PERHAPS HE WOULD HAVE BEEN ABLE TO
10 APPLY HIS CLEAR THINKING AND EVENHANDEDNESS AS AN OUTSTANDING
11 LEADER TO KEEP THE MISGUIDED DISTORTION FROM GOING OFF TRACK.
12 THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MADE IT CLEAR IN THEIR WRITTEN
13 APPROVAL OF THE RENOVATION PROJECT THAT THE TENANT VETERAN
14 ORGANIZATIONS OF THE BUILDING WOULD RETURN TO BOB HOPE
15 PATRIOTIC HALL AFTER THE RENOVATION. IT WAS ALSO EXPLAINED
16 THAT ALMOST ALL OF THE SAME MEETING SPACE THAT WAS AVAILABLE
17 TO THE VETERANS BEFORE WILL STILL BE AVAILABLE, AND IT WILL BE
18 MODERNIZED TO 21ST CENTURY STANDARDS. IT SHOULD BE OBVIOUS TO
19 ALMOST ANYONE THAT IN ORDER TO MODERNIZE A BUILDING THAT WAS
20 DESIGNED AND BUILT FROM 1923 TO 1926, THERE WOULD HAVE TO BE
21 SOME SACRIFICES IN ROOM SPACE TO ACCOMMODATE NEW EQUIPMENT,
22 COMPLY WITH A.D.A. REQUIREMENTS AND TO MEET CURRENT BUILDING
23 AND SAFETY CODES. IT SHOULD BE JUST AS OBVIOUS THAT THE LOSS
24 OF SPACE TO HOUSE THE NEW EQUIPMENT AND THE OTHER RESTRICTIONS
25 MAY RESULT IN THE LOSS OF PREVIOUSLY USABLE OFFICE OR MEETING



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1 SPACE. NOW IS THE TIME FOR OUR OLDER VETERANS' ORGANIZATIONS
2 WHO SERVED SO BRAVELY AND HONORABLY TO REKINDLE THE SPIRIT
3 THAT THEY HAD 40 OR 50 YEARS AGO AND STOP THEIR SELFISH
4 GRUMBLING OVER THE LOSS OF SOME SMALL PIECE OF PARTICULAR REAL
5 ESTATE. IT IS TIME TO THANK THE COUNTY FOR THE INVESTMENT IT
6 HAS MADE IN PROVIDING THE SERVICES DUE TO OUR GROWING
7 POPULATION OF CURRENT VETERANS WHILE IT MAINTAINS A COMMITMENT
8 TO ALL THOSE WHO HAVE COME BEFORE. THE ARTICLE IN THE TIMES
9 WAS WAY OFF TRACK, WAY OFF TARGET, AND ITS MAIN CONTRIBUTORS
10 WOULD HAVE SERVED THEIR BROTHER AND SISTER VETERANS BETTER HAD
11 THEY FOCUSED CLEARLY ON THE SERVICES THAT WE IN THE COUNTY CAN
12 PROVIDE TO ALL OUR YOUNG VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES. NOW THE
13 DEPARTMENT EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF THE AMERICAN LEGION HAS PASSED
14 AN EQUALLY DISTORTED RESOLUTION BASED ON THAT SAME INACCURATE
15 NEWSPAPER ARTICLE. THIS SEEMS TO ME TO ONLY COMPOUND THE
16 MISCOMMUNICATION. CLINGING TO SOME SMALL PIECE OF FLOOR SPACE
17 SEEMS RATHER INCONSEQUENTIAL AS COMPARED TO A VETERAN AND HIS
18 OR HER FAMILY CLINGING TO THEIR HEALTH OR THE FAMILY'S
19 STABILITY AND WELFARE.

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21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY, THANK YOU MR. ROOSEVELT. MR.
22 SACHS?

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24 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU GOOD MORNING AGAIN, ARNOLD SACHS.
25 JUST A FEW THINGS. THE GENTLEMAN DOING THE EXPLAINING



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1 REGARDING THE CONSTRUCTION AT THE PATRIOTIC HALL MENTIONED THE
2 LOSS OF THREE FLOORS OF SPACE FOR EQUIPMENT RENOVATIONS, THE
3 ADDITION OF THE AIR CONDITIONING AND HEATING, THE RENOVATIONS
4 OF THE RESTROOMS AND THE ADDITIONAL EQUIPMENT THAT WAS
5 NECESSARY. AND THE GENTLEMAN THAT JUST GOT DONE READING THE
6 ARTICLE MENTIONED THAT THERE WAS A MEETING ON JUNE 4. AND I
7 WOULD IMAGINE THAT WAS 2012. SO MY QUESTION WOULD BE: IF THE
8 PEOPLE DOING THE ENGINEERING WORK AND THE DESIGN WORK WOULD
9 KNOW THAT THREE FLOORS WERE GOING TO BE TAKEN AWAY OUT OF THE
10 TOTAL AMOUNT OF SPACE THAT WAS AVAILABLE FOR OCCUPANCY, HOW
11 WAS THIS COMMUNICATED TO THE DIFFERENT GROUPS? AND WHY, WITH
12 THE FINISH LINE IN SIGHT, WHY IS THIS INFORMATION JUST COMING
13 OUT NOW? I MEAN, THESE DESIGNS WOULD HAVE BEEN DONE, THE
14 BIDDING WENT OUT IN 2006, 2008. THIS PROCESS WOULD HAVE BEEN
15 ONGOING. HOW AND WHY WAS IT DELAYED SUCH A LONG PERIOD OF
16 TIME? IN ADDITION IN A DIFFERENT VEIN SOMEWHAT, JUST BASED ON
17 THE FACT THAT YOU HELPED TO STEP IN WITH THE LAP BAND
18 CONTROVERSY, THERE WAS AN ARTICLE IN THE NEWSPAPER REGARDING A
19 CHARITY TO HELP VETS AND THE STATE'S ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE
20 IS FILING A LAWSUIT AGAINST THIS CHARITY FROM RIVERSIDE COUNTY
21 THAT THEY COLLECTED ALMOST \$45 MILLION IN DONATIONS AND THEY
22 HAVE LITERALLY SPENT PENNIES FOR THE VETS. SO I WOULD HOPE
23 THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, ALTHOUGH THEY DON'T HAVE ANY
24 INPUT WOULD SEND A LETTER OF SUPPORT TO THE CALIFORNIA
25 ATTORNEY GENERAL IN FIGHTING THIS, IN LOOKING AT THIS CIVIL



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1 LAWSUIT AND TRYING TO COLLECT FUNDS. IT SEEMS THAT THE
2 PRESIDENT OF THIS CHARITY HAS COLLECTED -- IS GOING TO BE
3 COLLECTING A \$2 MILLION PENSION UPON HIS RETIREMENT. \$2
4 MILLION A YEAR. AND THE CHARITY IS JUST STEALING MONEY FROM
5 THE VETS. SO HOPEFULLY YOU'LL BE ABLE TO STEP FORWARD AND PUT
6 A FIVE-LETTER SIGNATURE TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL AND SUPPORT
7 HER FIGHTING FOR THE VETS' RIGHTS.

8

9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. THAT CLOSES THE PUBLIC
10 HEARING. MR. ANTONOVICH?

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO MR. FUJIOKA, GENERAL WONG WILL NOW BE IN
13 CHARGE OF THE DEPARTMENT?

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15 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** SHE'LL BE THERE ON A DAY-TO-DAY BASIS TO HELP
16 MANAGE THE --

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BEYOND PATRIOTIC HALL.

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20 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** COLONEL SMITH IS STILL TECHNICALLY IN CHARGE,
21 BUT WHEN HE'S NOT AT THE FACILITY, SHE WILL PHYSICALLY HAVE
22 FULL AUTHORITY, YES, SIR.

23

24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU.

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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** I HAVE A COUPLE OF COMMENTS. WHEN
2 THE FINANCING PLAN FOR THIS WAS PREPARED AND SUBMITTED TO THE
3 BOARD FOR ITS APPROVAL, ONE OF THE RATIONALES FOR USING COUNTY
4 -- PUTTING THE COUNTY DEPARTMENTS IN THESE, IN THIS BUILDING
5 WAS TO PROVIDE -- NOT JUST TO PAY FOR THE DEBT SERVICE ON THE
6 IMPROVEMENTS, BUT ALSO TO PROVIDE SERVICES TO VETERANS IN THIS
7 BUILDING, IS THAT CORRECT?

8

9 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** YES, SIR.

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11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** NOW, MY HOPE IS AND MY EXPECTATION
12 IS THAT THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT WE'RE GOING TO DO. AND WHILE I'M
13 ALL SYMPATHETIC TO THE VETERANS' ORGANIZATIONS THAT HAVE COME
14 FORWARD, I AM NOT SYMPATHETIC TO THE NOTION THAT THIS IS JUST
15 GOING TO BE OFFICES FOR VETERANS' ORGANIZATIONS WITH A LOT OF
16 UNDERUTILIZED OR UNUTILIZED SPACE AND CAPACITY THAT COULD BE
17 USED TO PROVIDE SERVICES TO VETERANS. HOW MUCH HAVE WE SPENT
18 TO RENOVATE THIS BUILDING, MR. FUJIOKA?

19

20 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** IF JAN WOULD COME UP AND GIVE ME THAT NUMBER.
21 WHAT YOU JUST MENTIONED WITH RESPECT TO SERVICES, I'VE HEARD
22 THAT FROM ALL FIVE OFFICES, THAT THE FACT THAT OUR VETERANS,
23 ESPECIALLY THOSE WHO ARE RECENTLY COMING BACK FROM ACTIVE
24 SERVICE NEED THESE SERVICES AS MUCH AS OUR WORLD WAR II OR



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1 KOREAN, OR VIETNAM OR DESERT STORM, ALL THE VETERANS. AND SO
2 SERVICES IS WHAT OUR FOCUS WILL BE.

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4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** HOW MUCH MONEY HAVE WE SPENT ON
5 THIS? OR WILL WE HAVE SPENT ON THIS WHEN IT'S COMPLETED?

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7 **JAN TAKATA:** 45 MILLION.

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9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** \$45 MILLION. WHAT THE COUNTY
10 GENERAL FUND HAS USED TO RENOVATE THIS BUILDING. JUST TO PUT
11 IT IN SOME PERSPECTIVE, THAT'S TWICE AS MUCH MONEY AS WAS
12 SPENT, MORE THAN TWICE AS MUCH AS WE SPENT TO RENOVATE
13 HOLLYWOOD BOWL. THAT'S A LOT OF MONEY. AND I WANT TO JUST MAKE
14 IT REAL CLEAR THAT IN EXCHANGE FOR THAT KIND OF INVESTMENT OF
15 COUNTY GENERAL FUND MONEY, WE NEED TO HAVE A SIGNIFICANT RAMP-
16 UP IN SERVICES THAT ARE PROVIDED TO VETERANS AT THIS FACILITY.
17 AND THAT IS AS IMPORTANT AS ANY OTHER ACTIVITY THAT'S GOING ON
18 IN THAT BUILDING AS FAR AS I'M CONCERNED. SO TRY TO RECONCILE,
19 BUT ALL OF US KNOW ABOUT THE PETTINESS THAT GOES ON ABOUT WHO
20 GETS WHAT OFFICE IN A SUITE OF OFFICES. BUT NONE OF US PROVIDE
21 SERVICES TO VETS WHO HAVE COME BACK FROM AFGHANISTAN AND IRAQ
22 WITH POST-TRAUMATIC STRESS SYNDROME. NOR DO WE HAVE THE
23 CAPACITY TO DO THAT. THIS PLACE DOES. THIS BUILDING DOES. AND
24 WE HAVE INVESTED NOT ONLY IN THE CAPITAL SIDE OF THIS BUT
25 WE'RE NOW INVESTING IN THE DEBT SERVICE BY PUTTING MENTAL



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1 HEALTH, THE MENTAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT AND A COUPLE OF OTHER
2 DEPARTMENTS IN THE PATRIOTIC HALL, WHICH HAS THE DOUBLE
3 BENEFIT OF HELPING TO DEFRAY THE COST OF THE RENOVATION AS
4 WELL AS THE OPPORTUNITY TO PROVIDE SERVICES TO THE VETS. EVEN
5 THOUGH ARGUABLY THE COUNTY SHOULDN'T BE PROVIDING SERVICES TO
6 THE VETS, THE VETERANS' ADMINISTRATION SHOULD BE, BUT WE DO
7 IT, ANYWAY, BECAUSE IT'S THE RIGHT THING TO DO. I JUST WANT
8 THAT WORD TO GET OUT BECAUSE IT WAS -- TO SAY THAT THIS -- THE
9 WAY THIS WAS DESCRIBED WAS A BIT INCOMPLETE, I WOULD JUST SAY.
10 IT IS NOT THE COMPLETE STORY WOULD BE THE UNDERSTATEMENT. AND
11 WHILE I THINK YOU COULD DO A BETTER JOB COMMUNICATING WITH
12 SOME OF THE FOLKS IN THE BUILDING, I DON'T THINK THAT DETRACTS
13 FROM THE BOTTOM-LINE OBJECTIVE WHICH YOU HAVE HAD AND ALL OF
14 US HAVE HAD, WHICH IS TO MAKE SOMETHING OUT OF THE PATRIOTIC
15 HALL THAT IS BIGGER THAN WHAT IT'S BEEN IN THE PAST, MORE
16 RELEVANT TO VETERANS THAN IT'S BEEN IN THE PAST. IT SHOULDN'T
17 JUST BE A PLACE TO HAVE MEETINGS. IT ALSO CAN BE BEYOND
18 MEETINGS. IT CAN ALSO BE A PLACE THAT ACTUALLY PROVIDES DIRECT
19 SERVICES TO PEOPLE WHO ARE COMING BACK FROM COMBAT RIGHT NOW.
20 AND OTHERS.

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MR. FUJIOKA, WHAT ARE THE RESTRICTIONS ON WHO
23 CAN OCCUPY, CAN YOU GIVE IT TO US IN A REPORT, PATRIOTIC HALL?
24 I UNDERSTAND THAT THERE ARE RESTRICTIONS THAT VETERANS'
25 ORGANIZATIONS WILL HAVE USE OF THAT FACILITY, THAT IT'S THEIR



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1 FACILITY THAT WAS IN THE DEED OR THE GRANT OR WHATEVER THAT
2 BUILT THAT FACILITY.

3

4 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** YES, WE'LL REPORT BACK ON THAT.

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I DON'T THINK THEY HAD LATITUDE TO THE DEGREE
7 YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT, MR. YAROSLAVSKY. BUT WE'LL GET THAT
8 REPORT BACK.

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10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** I THINK THEY DO HAVE THE LATITUDE.
11 NOBODY IS SAYING THAT THE ORGANIZATIONS THAT ARE NOW IN THE
12 BUILDING SHOULDN'T REMAIN IN THE BUILDING AND HAVE ACCESS TO
13 THE BUILDING. BUT PERHAPS IT MIGHT BE INSTRUCTIVE, YOU WOULD
14 SHARE WITH, AT SOME FUTURE TIME WITH MEMBERS OF THE BOARD AS
15 HAS BEEN SHARED WITH ME EXACTLY HOW MUCH TIME AND HOW MUCH
16 UTILIZATION THAT BUILDING CURRENTLY GETS FROM THESE
17 ORGANIZATIONS. I MEAN --

18

19 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** WE'LL BE HAPPY TO PROVIDE THAT INFORMATION.

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21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** I THINK THERE'S A WHOLE OTHER SIDE
22 TO THIS STORY THAT WE SHOULDN'T LOSE SIGHT OF. THERE IS ROOM
23 IN THAT BUILDING TO DO -- TO ACCOMMODATE THE AMERICAN LEGION
24 AND V.F.W. AND WHOEVER ELSE IS IN THERE AS WELL AS TO PROVIDE
25 SERVICES. THE AMERICAN LEGION DOESN'T PROVIDE MENTAL HEALTH



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1 SERVICES, BUT THE MENTAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT DOES. I DON'T THINK
2 THERE IS ANYTHING INCONSISTENT WITH THE DEED FOR US TO HAVE --
3 MAYBE THE AMERICAN LEGION WOULD LIKE TO PAY THE DEBT SERVICE
4 ON THE BONDS AND PAY FOR THE RENOVATION? THAT WOULD GIVE THEM
5 A BIT OF A STRONGER CASE. WE'RE PAYING FOR THAT. THE COUNTY
6 TAXPAYERS ARE PAYING FOR THAT.

7

8 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** AND SIR, I BELIEVE THE KEY IS, I THINK WHAT
9 YOU TOUCHED ON, ALL THE SERVICES PROVIDED IN THAT BUILDING
10 WILL BE DEDICATED TO --

11

12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** TO VETERANS.

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14 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** TO VETERANS. ABSOLUTELY. THAT'S THE MAIN
15 POINT.

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17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ABSOLUTELY. AND THIS ISN'T THE
18 ONLY PLACE IN TOWN THAT'S GOING TO HAVE TO BE PROVIDING
19 SERVICES TO VETERANS. THERE IS PLENTY OF DEMAND FOR VETERAN
20 SERVICES NOW. IT WON'T ALL BE ACCOMMODATED AT PATRIOTIC HALL,
21 BUT IT SHOULDN'T BE EXCLUDED FROM PATRIOTIC HALL, EITHER,
22 ESPECIALLY SINCE WE'RE PAYING FOR IT. OKAY. ANY OBJECTION TO
23 RECEIVE AND FILE?

24

25 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** VETERANS ARE ALSO PAYING FOR IT.



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SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN: OF COURSE THEY ARE. AND THEY ARE
GETTING EXCLUSIVE USE OF THIS BUILDING. THIS IS NOT BEING USED
FOR ANYBODY BUT VETERANS. BUT LET'S NOT ARGUE ABOUT WHETHER
THE AMERICAN LEGION SHOULD HAVE 1300 SQUARE FEET MORE THAN
THEY ARE GETTING OR LESS THAN THEY'RE GETTING BUT WE'RE NOT
GOING TO PROVIDE ANY MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES FOR RETURNING VETS
WHO ARE COMING HOME FROM AFGHANISTAN AND IRAQ RIGHT NOW WHO
NEED THAT HELP WHO ARE SLEEPING ON OUR STREETS. I THINK WE CAN
DO BOTH, MIKE, IS ALL I'M SAYING. RECEIVE AND FILE WITHOUT
OBJECTION. JAN, YOU SHOULD LET EVERYBODY KNOW, SEND A MEMO
AROUND ABOUT THE UTILIZATION ISSUE. I THINK IT WOULD BE -- IF
IT'S ACCURATE, WHAT I'VE HEARD IS ACCURATE, IT WOULD BE
ILLUSTRATIVE TO EVERYBODY. OKAY. THAT'S ALL YOU HAVE, MIKE?

15

SUP. KNABE: I WOULD ADD, I THINK THAT'S PART OF THE PROBLEM. I
AGREE WITH YOU. IT'S JUST GOING TO BE FOR VETERANS. WE CAN'T
ARGUE OVER SQUARE FEET TO WHO GETS WHAT. WE'RE JUST GOING TO
HAVE TO MAKE SURE THE SERVICES ARE PROVIDED. I THINK MORE
IMPORTANTLY AS A BOARD MEMBER, AS THE BOARD, WE WERE NOT KEPT
IN THE LOOP THE WAY WE SHOULD HAVE BEEN. WE COULD HAVE STOPPED
SOME OF THESE RUMORS AND BAD INFORMATION A LOT EARLIER HAD WE
KNOWN THE PLAN.

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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** I TOTALLY AGREE. I TOTALLY AGREE.
2 THERE IS STILL A LOT OF INCONSISTENT INFORMATION. FOR EXAMPLE,
3 HOW MANY SQUARE THERE ARE IN THE BUILDING, HOW MUCH IS USABLE.
4 WE DISCUSSED THIS WITH YOUR NUMBER 2 YESTERDAY.

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6 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** BUT AT THIS POINT WE DO HAVE A PATH
7 FORWARD.

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9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** YES.

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11 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** WITH RESPECT TO CLEANING UP THE
12 INFORMATION SO THAT ALL OF US ON THE SAME PAGE, DO WE NOT?

13

14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** YES.

15

16 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** YES, WE DO.

17

18 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** WHEN DO WE EXPECT A REPORT BACK AT THIS
19 POINT? DO WE HAVE A DATE CERTAIN BY WHICH IT IS TO BE RETURNED
20 TO US?

21

22 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** WITHIN THE NEXT COUPLE OF WEEKS.

23

24 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU.

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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY.

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3 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** THANK YOU.

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5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THAT'S IT FOR YOU, MIKE?

6 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS? ADJOURNING MOTIONS AND ALL THAT
7 STUFF?

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9 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MR. CHAIRMAN AND COLLEAGUES, PERMIT ME TO
10 ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF JULIANNA WOLFE MULVANEY TOPP, BORN
11 FEBRUARY 9, 1923 IN PHOENIX, ARIZONA, AND PASSED AWAY ON
12 AUGUST 3 AT THE AGE OF 89. SHE WAS RAISED IN ESCONDIDO,
13 CALIFORNIA, ATTENDED OCEANSIDE JR. COLLEGE AND GRADUATED FROM
14 THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA IN LOS ANGELES. SHE WAS A
15 LONGTIME MEMBER OF THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS AND WORKED ON A
16 NUMBER OF LOCAL CAMPAIGNS. SHE SERVED IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY AS
17 A STAFF MEMBER TO SUPERVISOR YVONNE BURKE AND LATER RETIRED AS
18 HER ASSISTANT CHIEF DEPUTY. SHE LOVED TO TRAVEL AND WILL BE
19 REMEMBERED FOR HER TALENT IN MENTORING YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS,
20 PROVIDING THEM OPPORTUNITIES IN PUBLIC SERVICE AND ENCOURAGING
21 THEM TO BECOME ENGAGED IN THEIR COMMUNITIES. SHE IS SURVIVED
22 BY HER DAUGHTERS, ANNA AND BARBARA; HER SON, JOHN; HER
23 BROTHERS, JACK AND JIM; AND A HOST OF EXTENDED FAMILY MEMBERS
24 AND FRIENDS WHO WILL MISS HER DEARLY. FRANK DEWITT GODDEN,
25 BORN MARCH 4, 1911, IN LIVE OAK, FLORIDA, AND PASSED ON AUGUST



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1 3 AT THE AGE OF 101. HE ATTENDED THE TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE IN
2 ALABAMA FROM PREP SCHOOL THROUGH COLLEGE AND GRADUATED WITH A
3 DEGREE IN COMMERCIAL INDUSTRIES. HE RELOCATED TO LOS ANGELES
4 IN 1939 AND SERVED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY DURING WORLD WAR
5 II IN THE 90TH ANTIAIRCRAFT ARTILLERY GUN BATTALION. AFTER
6 RETURNING FROM THE WAR, HE OWNED AND OPERATED BUSINESSES IN
7 LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND FOUNDED THE CARVER WASHINGTON MUSEUM OF
8 CALIFORNIA. HE WAS A MEMBER OF THE SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH OF
9 LOS ANGELES, SERVED THE BOARD OF TUSKEGEE, AND QUIETLY HELPED
10 FINANCE THE EDUCATION OF MANY STUDENTS. HE WAS FEATURED BY
11 SEVERAL MEDIA OUTLETS AND WELL REMEMBERED FOR HIS
12 DETERMINATION AND DRIVE. HE IS SURVIVED BY MANY NIECES,
13 NEPHEWS, AND EXTENDED FAMILY MEMBERS WHO WILL INDEED MISS HIM
14 DEARLY. FRANK DEWITT GODDEN AT THE AGE OF 101. LEWIS EDWARD
15 LOGAN, SR., BORN MARCH 8, 1941, BALTIMORE, MARYLAND, AND
16 PASSED ON AUGUST 6 AT THE AGE OF 71. HE ATTENDED MORGAN STATE
17 UNIVERSITY, WHERE HE GRADUATED SUMMA CUM LAUDE AND EARNED HIS
18 MASTER'S DEGREE IN BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION FROM NEW YORK
19 UNIVERSITY ON A FULL SCHOLARSHIP. HE WORKED AS A DEPUTY
20 TREASURER OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND AND RELOCATED TO LOS
21 ANGELES AFTER HE RETIRED. HE WAS A MEMBER OF THE RUACH
22 CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIP, WHERE HE SERVED AS C.E.O.,
23 FINANCIAL OFFICER, AS WELL AS AN ELDER. HE WILL BE REMEMBERED
24 AS A FAMILY MAN AND AN ADVOCATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE, HEALTH AND
25 EDUCATION. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, FLORENCE; HIS SONS,



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1 LEWIS II, JOHN AND ROBERT; HIS DAUGHTER, NICOLE; SEVEN
2 GRANDCHILDREN; ONE GREAT GRANDSON; AND A HOST OF EXTENDED
3 FAMILY, MEMBERS AND FRIENDS WHO WILL INDEED MISS HIM. LEWIS
4 EDWARD LOGAN, SR. MR. CHAIRMAN.

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6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** WITHOUT OBJECTION, UNANIMOUS VOTE.

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8 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THERE ARE TWO ITEMS THAT I WANT TO BRING
9 FORWARD. ITEM 51. THERE ARE THOSE WHO WISH TO BE HEARD ON THAT
10 ITEM, MR. CHAIRMAN, WITH YOUR PERMISSION, I'D LIKE TO PROCEED
11 ACCORDINGLY.

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. SACHI?

14

15 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM NO. 51, THIS IS THE PUBLIC HEARING
16 ITEM, SO ALL THOSE WHO PLAN TO TESTIFY BEFORE THE BOARD,
17 PLEASE STAND AND RAISE YOUR RIGHT HAND TO BE SWORN IN. ITEM
18 NO. 51. PLEASE STAND. IN THE TESTIMONY YOU MAY GIVE BEFORE
19 THIS BOARD, DO YOU SOLEMNLY AFFIRM TO TELL THE TRUTH, THE
20 WHOLE TRUTH AND NOTHING BUT THE TRUTH SO HELP YOU GOD? THANK
21 YOU, YOU MAY BE SEATED. ON THIS ITEM, THIS IS THE DE NOVO
22 HEARING ON PROJECT R2010-001629-(2), AND A NEGATIVE
23 DECLARATION TO AUTHORIZE THE CONSTRUCTION OF A 55-UNIT
24 APARTMENT COMPLEX FOR LOW INCOME AND VERY LOW INCOME FAMILIES
25 IN THE C-2 NEIGHBORHOOD BUSINESS ZONE. THE PROJECT IS LOCATED



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1 AT 13218 AND 13224 AVALON BOULEVARD IN THE WILLOWBROOK-
2 ENTERPRISE ZONED DISTRICT AND IN THE WEST RANCHO DOMINGUEZ-
3 VICTORIA COMMUNITY STANDARDS DISTRICT. THERE IS A DEPARTMENT
4 STATEMENT ON THIS. THERE WAS CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED AND THERE
5 ARE PUBLIC SPEAKERS ON IT, AS WELL.

6

7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** DO YOU WANT A STAFF REPORT, FIRST?

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9 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THAT'S IN ORDER, MR. CHAIR, AND THEN WE
10 CAN HEAR FROM THE PUBLIC AND DISPOSE OF IT ACCORDINGLY.

11

12 **TYLER MONTGOMERY:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS, MY NAME IS TYLER
13 MONTGOMERY, AND I'M WITH THE ZONING PERMITS WEST SECTION OF
14 THE DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING. THE PROPOSED PROJECT
15 REQUIRES A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT TO AUTHORIZE THE
16 CONSTRUCTION OF A 55-UNIT APARTMENT COMPLEX FOR LOW INCOME AND
17 VERY LOW INCOME FAMILIES IN THE C-2 NEIGHBORHOOD BUSINESS ZONE
18 AND A DISCRETIONARY HOUSING PERMIT TO ALLOW FOR AN INCREASE IN
19 ALLOWED DENSITY FROM 10 TO 55 UNITS AND THE REDUCTION IN THE
20 REQUIRED NUMBER OF PARKING SPACES FROM 103 TO 62. THE PROJECT
21 WOULD BE 100 PERCENT AFFORDABLE WITH 37 UNITS RESERVED FOR
22 HOMELESS FAMILIES WITH THE HEAD OF HOUSEHOLD LIVING WITH A
23 MENTAL ILLNESS. THE PROJECT WAS APPROVED BY THE REGIONAL
24 PLANNING COMMISSION ON JUNE 6, 2012. THE APPROVAL IS BEING
25 APPEALED BY A FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS COMMUNITY CLUB, A



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1 NEIGHBORHOOD GROUP. THE PROJECT IS LOCATED AT 13218 AND 13224
2 AVALON BOULEVARD IN THE WEST RANCHO DOMINGUEZ VICTORIA
3 NEIGHBORHOOD ON A 1.7-ACRE PARCEL. IT IS COMPATIBLE WITH THE
4 SURROUNDING AREA AS THERE IS A COMBINATION OF RESIDENTIAL,
5 COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL USES IN THE VICINITY. A SENIOR
6 HOUSING FACILITY OF A COMPARABLE DENSITY AND PARKING RATIO IS
7 ALSO LOCATED IMMEDIATELY SOUTH OF THE PROJECT SITE. AVALON
8 BOULEVARD IS A MAJOR TRANSIT CORRIDOR WITH BUS SERVICE AT
9 INTERVALS AT 15 MINUTES OR LESS AND MAGIC JOHNSON RECREATION
10 AREA AND A SHOPPING CENTER WITH A SUPERMARKET ARE BOTH LOCATED
11 LESS THAN ONE-HALF MILE TO THE NORTH. THE DEPARTMENTS OF
12 PUBLIC WORKS, PUBLIC HEALTH AND FIRE WERE ALSO CONSULTED AND
13 CONCLUDED THAT WITH CERTAIN CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL, THE
14 EXISTING PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE WOULD ADEQUATELY SUPPORT THE
15 PROJECT. THE PROPOSED RESIDENTIAL DENSITY AND PARKING
16 REDUCTION ENABLES THE PROJECT TO ACHIEVE THE ECONOMY OF SCALE
17 NEEDED TO PROVIDE AFFORDABLE HOUSING FOR VERY LOW AND LOW
18 INCOME FAMILIES. THE REQUEST FOR REDUCTION IN PARKING IS
19 AFFORDED BY PARKING CONDITIONS AT OTHER SITES CURRENTLY
20 MANAGED BY THE APPLICANT. STAFF VISITED TWO FACILITIES
21 OPERATED BY THE APPLICANT AND CONFIRMED THAT THESE PARKING
22 AREAS ARE LARGELY UNDERUTILIZED AND THE PROPOSED PARKING-TO-
23 RESIDENT RATIO IS APPROPRIATE. THE PROPOSED PROJECT WOULD
24 PROVIDE MUCH-NEEDED LOW INCOME AND SUPPORTIVE HOUSING FOR AN
25 UNDERSERVED POPULATION AS MOST RESIDENTS WOULD BE RECRUITED



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1 FROM THE LOCAL AREA. THE SITE WOULD BE SECURED AND RESIDENTS
2 OF THE FACILITY WOULD HAVE ACCESS TO ON-SITE COUNSELING, THE
3 HEALTH CLINIC, EDIBLE GARDEN, CHILDREN'S PLAY AREA, A COMPUTER
4 ROOM, EXERCISE EQUIPMENT AND FREE CLASSES AND TUTORING. THE
5 APPLICANT, A COMMUNITY OF FRIENDS, HAS A PROVEN HISTORY OF
6 BUILDING AND OPERATING SIMILAR SUPPORTIVE HOUSING FACILITIES
7 THROUGHOUT THE REGION. IN ADDITION, THE EXISTING PROJECT SITE
8 CONTAINS SEVERAL ABANDONED STRUCTURES WHICH TEND TO ACT AS
9 ATTRACTANTS TO CRIME AND LOWER NEARBY PROPERTY VALUES. THE
10 PROPOSED PROJECT IS CONSISTENT WITH THE GOALS AND POLICIES OF
11 THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY GENERAL PLAN AND HOUSING ELEMENT
12 ADOPTED BY YOUR BOARD ON AUGUST 5, 2008. IT IS RECOMMENDED
13 THAT YOUR BOARD, AFTER THE PUBLIC HEARING, ADOPT THE NEGATIVE
14 DECLARATION, DENY THE APPEAL, AND INSTRUCT COUNTY COUNSEL TO
15 PREPARE THE NECESSARY FINDINGS TO AFFIRM THE REGIONAL PLANNING
16 COMMISSION'S APPROVAL OF THE CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT AND
17 HOUSING PERMIT. THIS CONCLUDES MY PRESENTATION.

18
19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. THANK YOU. WE HAVE SEVERAL
20 PEOPLE WHO WISH TO BE HEARD, QUITE A NUMBER WHO WISH TO BE
21 HEARD ON THIS ITEM. I'M GOING TO ASK SEVERAL PEOPLE TO COME UP
22 AT ONCE, ABOUT FOUR PEOPLE. RANDY HUGHES, MARCIA JONES, AND
23 JENIFER JONES. WE WILL START WITH THOSE THREE, THEY ARE THE
24 CO-APPELLANTS.



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1 **MARCIA JONES:** GOOD MORNING, HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE LOS
2 ANGELES BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, MY NAME IS MARCIA JONES. I AM A
3 30-YEAR RESIDENT OF THE SECOND DISTRICT REPRESENTING FRIENDS
4 AND NEIGHBORS COMMUNITY CLUB. I AM HERE TODAY BECAUSE THE
5 CITIZENS OF THE ROSEWOOD AREA ARE VERY CONCERNED THAT THE
6 PROPOSED AVALON APARTMENTS PROJECT WILL HAVE A SEVERE IMPACT
7 ON OUR COMMUNITY. WE BELIEVE THAT THE REGIONAL PLANNING
8 COMMISSION HAS NEGLECTED TO SERIOUSLY CONSIDER THE
9 RAMIFICATIONS THAT A COMPLEX OF THIS TYPE AND MAGNITUDE WILL
10 NOT ONLY HAVE ON ITS CITIZENS BUT ON THE SUPPORT SYSTEMS IN
11 THE COMMUNITY WITH A VERY WEAK INFRASTRUCTURE. THEIR FAILURE
12 TO REQUEST ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORTS FROM THE LOS ANGELES
13 COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AND COMPTON UNIFIED SCHOOL
14 DISTRICT SHOWS A TOTAL DISREGARD FOR THE CITIZENS. WE NEED THE
15 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT'S OPINION OF THE EFFECT OF A FIFTH LOW
16 INCOME AND VERY LOW INCOME HOUSING COMPLEX WILL HAVE. THE
17 COMPTON UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT IS ALREADY IN A FINANCIAL
18 CRISIS. THEY SHOULD BE CONTACTED TO DETERMINE IF THE POTENTIAL
19 SUPPORT SERVICES THAT THESE RESIDENTS MAY NEED WOULD PUT A
20 STRAIN ON THEIR SYSTEM. WE DON'T THINK THAT REGIONAL PLANNING
21 TOOK INTO ACCOUNT THE ENORMITY OF THIS PROJECT. THIS ACREAGE
22 IS ONLY ZONED FOR 10 UNITS BUT HAS REQUESTED A 550 PERCENT
23 DENSITY BONUS. THAT'S 32 DWELLINGS PER ACRE -- 32 DWELLING
24 UNITS PER ACRE, WHERE AS JORDAN DOWNS ONLY HAS 15 DWELLING
25 UNITS PER ACRE, IMPERIAL COURTS ONLY HAS 15.1 DWELLING UNITS



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1 PER ACRE AND NICKERSON GARDENS HAS 16.5 DWELLING UNITS PER
2 ACRE. THE MAXIMUM CAPACITY OF THIS PROJECT IS 234 INDIVIDUALS
3 ON 1.7 ACRES. WE DON'T CONSIDER THIS HOUSING, WE CONSIDER THIS
4 WAREHOUSING. THIS, ALONG WITH THE REQUESTED OFF-MENU INCENTIVE
5 OF REDUCED PARKING SPACES WILL AFFECT AN OVERCROWDED AVALON
6 BOULEVARD. THEIR COMPARISON TO THE SENIOR APARTMENTS ADJACENT
7 TO THE PROPERTY IS MISLEADING. THERE IS NO THREE-STORY
8 BUILDING IN CLOSE PROXIMITY. THE SENIOR COMPLEX HAS A MAXIMUM
9 CAPACITY OF ONLY 84 RESIDENTS. THERE ARE NO FAMILIES WITH
10 CHILDREN RUNNING AND PLAYING. MANY OF THE SENIORS NO LONGER
11 DRIVE, SO THEY HAVE PLENTY OF PARKING AVAILABLE FOR THEIR
12 GUESTS. THE CONCENTRATION OF LOW INCOME AND VERY LOW INCOME
13 RENTAL PROPERTY WITH LITTLE OR NO INVESTMENT IN SUPPORT
14 SERVICES IN THE LOCAL AREA HAS HAD A NEGATIVE IMPACT ON THE
15 HOUSING PRICES IN THIS REGION. THERE ARE CURRENTLY FOUR LOW
16 INCOME HOUSING COMPLEXES IN THIS AREA PROVIDING OVER 272 UNITS
17 OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING. WE FEEL THIS COMPLEX SHOULD NOT BE
18 BUILT. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORTS SHOULD BE REQUESTED FROM
19 COMPTON UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT AND LOS ANGELES COUNTY
20 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT ALONG WITH AN OPINION FROM THE SHERIFF'S
21 DEPARTMENT AS TO THE EFFECT THIS TYPE OF HOUSING WILL HAVE ON
22 THE CRIME IN THIS COMMUNITY, THUS INSURING THE SAFETY AND
23 WELL-BEING OF ITS RESIDENTS. WE RESPECTFULLY REQUEST THE BOARD
24 OF SUPERVISORS APPROVE OUR APPEAL AND OVERTURN THE ACTIONS OF
25 THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION. THANK YOU.



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU, MISS JONES. WHO WANTS
3 TO GO NEXT? MR. HUGHES?

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5 **RANDY HUGHES:** GOOD MORNING.

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7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** GOOD MORNING.

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9 **RANDY HUGHES:** MY NAME IS RANDY HUGHES. HONORABLE BOARD OF
10 SUPERVISORS, I AM THE COMMUNITY LEADER WITHIN THAT AREA. AND
11 WE DID -- I OPPOSE THIS PROJECT FOR MANY REASONS, ONE IS THE
12 INFRASTRUCTURE OF OUR COMMUNITY CANNOT HANDLE THIS. WE ALREADY
13 HAVE SEVERAL HOMES WITHIN OUR COMMUNITY THAT HOUSE SPECIAL
14 NEED PEOPLE. THAT'S NUMBER ONE. THESE HOUSING OF SPECIAL NEEDS
15 PEOPLE THAT ARE GOING TO BE MOVING IN THIS APARTMENT BUILDING,
16 70 PERCENT OF THEM ARE MENTALLY CHALLENGED WITH DRUG ABUSE AND
17 ALCOHOLIC ABUSE. WE HAVE LIQUOR STORES THAT SURROUND IT, ONE
18 RIGHT ACROSS THE STREET FROM IT. WE HAVE DRUG -- WE HAVE A
19 NUMBER OF DRUG HOUSES WITHIN THE AREA. THE COMMUNITY ITSELF IN
20 THE INFRASTRUCTURE AND WHAT IS THERE, IT JUST CANNOT HANDLE
21 IT. WE DO NOT HAVE ENOUGH POLICE PROTECTION IN THE AREA. WE
22 ONLY HAVE THREE CARS. WHAT IS THIS GOING TO DO? HOW IS THIS
23 GOING TO AFFECT OUR COMMUNITY? YOU KNOW, I'M NOT OPPOSED OF
24 HOUSING FOR THE HOMELESS, THE MENTALLY CHALLENGED BUT I AM
25 OPPOSED FOR IT IN THIS PARTICULAR AREA. SECONDLY, WHAT IS IT



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1 GOING TO DO FOR OUR COMMUNITY? WE HAVE HOMELESS, QUITE A FEW
2 HOMELESS IN OUR COMMUNITY. WE HAVE THEM SLEEPING ON THE BUS
3 STOPS. WE HAVE THEM IN THE PARK. AND WE HAVE THEM AT THE ROSA
4 PARKS STATION. THERE'S A WHOLE FAMILY THERE, A WHOLE COMMUNITY
5 OF THEM THERE. THIS PROJECT THAT THEY'RE GOING TO BUILD THERE,
6 IS IT TO GET RID OF THESE, TO BRING THESE PEOPLE OFF THE
7 STREETS IN OUR COMMUNITY? OR ARE THEY GOING TO BRING
8 ADDITIONAL PEOPLE INTO OUR COMMUNITY TO IMPACT THIS, WHAT IS
9 ALREADY THERE? NOW, I DO KNOW THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AS
10 COMMUNITY LEADERS, WE HAVE WORKED WITH THE BOARD OF
11 SUPERVISORS AS FAR AS THE HOUSING PROJECT GOES AND THE
12 HOMELESS. IT IS A PROBLEM IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREA. AND AS
13 LONG AS THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES ARE DUMPING THEM OUT INTO THE
14 UNINCORPORATED AREA, THIS PROBLEM IS GETTING LARGER AND
15 LARGER. BUT THIS TYPE OF PROJECT IS NOT FOR THAT. I DON'T
16 BELIEVE THEY ARE GOING TO CLEAN UP OUR STREETS. I DON'T
17 BELIEVE THEY ARE GOING TO TAKE THE HOMELESS OFF THE STREET. I
18 THINK THEY'RE GOING TO IMPACT IT WITH ADDITIONAL PEOPLE. AND I
19 DON'T THINK -- THERE WAS ONE THING THAT WAS SAID ABOUT THE
20 SENIOR CITIZEN HOME RIGHT NEXT DOOR TO IT. IN THE ORIGINAL
21 MEETING WITH REGIONAL PLANNING, THEY SAID THAT THE OWNER
22 APPROVED IT. BUT THE TENANTS DON'T. NEITHER DO THEIR FAMILIES
23 WHO PUT THEM THERE. THEIR SAFETY IS AT STAKE WITHIN OUR
24 COMMUNITY. I'M ASKING YOU GUYS TO OVERTURN THEIR DECISION.
25 DENY THE PROJECT. IF BY CHANCE THAT YOU SEE THAT THIS PROJECT



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1 IS GOING TO GO ON, IF YOU COULD PUT IN SOME STIPULATIONS
2 WITHIN THAT TO DECREASE THE AMOUNT OF HOMES THAT ARE GOING TO
3 BE BUILT, NEW APARTMENTS THAT ARE GOING TO BE BUILT THERE.
4 ALSO, WE WOULD LIKE TO MAKE SURE THERE ARE STRICT REGULATIONS
5 AND RULES THAT APPLY IF YOU DO. BUT 55 UNITS IN THIS TIME, IN
6 THIS PERIOD, IS JUST TOO MANY HOMES IN AN AREA THAT IS ALREADY
7 CONGESTED WITH ISSUES.

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9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU, MR. HUGHES.

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11 **JENIFER JONES:** HI, GOOD MORNING, HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE LOS
12 ANGELES BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS JENIFER JONES AND I
13 AM A RESIDENT OF THE COMMUNITY IN WHICH THIS PROPOSED SITE IS
14 PLANNED TO BE BUILT. I'M OPPOSED TO THE NUMBER OF UNITS THAT
15 THEY ARE REQUESTING, NOT NECESSARILY THE PROJECT. A GRADUATE
16 OF U.C. RIVERSIDE IN SOCIOLOGY, I'VE STUDIED MANY CASES OF
17 SOCIAL WORK AS FAR AS HELPING THOSE IN THE COMMUNITY BECOME
18 BETTER AT THEIR LIVES AND WHAT THEY DO. BUT AS OPPOSED TO
19 OVERWHELMING AMOUNT OF PEOPLE BEING PUT IN THIS COMMUNITY, THE
20 AREA IS ZONED FOR 10 UNITS. SO THE FACT THAT THERE'S 55 UNITS
21 PLANNED TO BE BUILT IS A LITTLE OVERWHELMING FOR THE
22 COMMUNITY. AND WHAT THE MEMBER OF THE ZONING COMMISSION STATED
23 EARLIER IS THAT THIS PROJECT IS COMPATIBLE WITH THE COMMUNITY.
24 AND IN NO WAY, SHAPE OR FORM IS THAT THE TRUTH. THIS COMMUNITY
25 HAS FAMILIES THAT WOULD LIKE TO STAY SAFE. AND A COMMUNITY OF



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1 FRIENDS HAS NOT STATED ANY TYPE OF SECURITY THAT WILL BE
2 PROVIDED TO HELP WITH THE COMMUNITY SAFETY AS WELL AS ANY TYPE
3 OF SUPPORT FROM THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT THAT ZONES THE
4 COMMUNITY. SO LIKE I SAID, I'M NOT OPPOSED TO THE PROJECT; I'M
5 OPPOSED TO THE AMOUNT OF UNITS THAT WILL BRING THESE PEOPLE
6 INTO OUR COMMUNITY THAT MAY NOT HELP WITH THE SAFETY AND OUR
7 PROPERTY VALUES IN THAT COMMUNITY.

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9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MISS JONES.

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11 **JENIFER JONES:** THANK YOU.

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13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. I'M GOING TO CALL UP
14 TIM RILEY. CHRISTINA HAYWARD. RUBY SMITH. AND DORA GALLO.

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16 **TIM RILEY:** MR. CHAIRMAN, HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, TIM
17 RILEY, I'M REPRESENTING THE APPLICANT, A COMMUNITY OF FRIENDS.
18 THE APPEAL FAILS TO STATE ZONING-RELATED REASONS FOR DENIAL OF
19 THIS AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROJECT. THE REGIONAL PLANNING
20 COMMISSION FOLLOWED THE ZONING CODE. THEY CONSIDERED ALL
21 RELEVANT INFORMATION AND THEY DID NOT COMMIT ANY TECHNICAL
22 ERRORS. THERE'S NO FLAW ON THE COMMISSION'S DECISION. AT THE
23 COMMISSION HEARING, OPPOSITION TESTIMONY FOCUSED ON
24 NEIGHBORHOOD PROBLEMS THAT ARE UNRELATED TO THE PROJECT, SUCH
25 AS HIGH CRIME RATE AND LACK OF ADEQUATE STREET PARKING. THE



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1 APPLICANT WILL PROVIDE MANY SERVICES AND AMENITIES FOR ITS
2 RESIDENTS, INCLUDING A HEALTH CLINIC, RECREATION, COUNSELING.
3 THE PROJECT WILL IMPROVE A DERELICT SITE THAT COULD ATTRACT
4 CRIME. RIGHT NOW IT HAS VACANT BUILDINGS. AND PEOPLE TEND TO
5 CONGREGATE THERE. A COMMUNITY OF FRIENDS HAS A STERLING
6 REPUTATION OF BUILDING SIMILAR PROJECTS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY.
7 AND THEY WILL BE AN ACTIVE ON-SITE MANAGER OF THIS FACILITY.
8 THE PROJECT, AS YOU HAVE HEARD, IS COMPARABLE IN SIZE AND
9 DENSITY TO THE ADJACENT 42-UNIT SENIOR HOUSING PROJECT. AND
10 THE PROPOSED DENSITY IS NOT OUT OF LINE IN AN AREA THAT HAS A
11 MIX OF COMMERCIAL, RESIDENTIAL, AND LIGHT INDUSTRIAL USES. AND
12 EVEN SOME OF THE COMMERCIAL, I MEAN RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES ON
13 THE OTHER SIDE OF AVALON ARE ZONED C-2, C.R.S., WHICH ALLOWS A
14 COMBINATION OF RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL USES. THE COUNTY HAS
15 ALSO APPROVED PROJECTS OF MUCH GREATER DENSITY. I WAS INVOLVED
16 IN A PROJECT IN EAST LOS ANGELES IN WHICH THE SENIOR HOUSING
17 PROJECT WAS APPROVED AT A DENSITY OF 110 UNITS PER ACRE. SO
18 OUR PROJECT'S SIZE OF 55 UNITS IS MANAGEABLE AND EFFICIENT.
19 AND IT SHOULD NOT BE COMPARED TO LARGE PUBLIC HOUSING PROJECTS
20 THAT RANGE IN SIZE FROM 500 TO 1,000 UNITS. THE COUNTY DID
21 THOROUGH ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW OF THE PROJECT. THE PROJECT
22 PROVIDES SUFFICIENT ON-SITE PARKING. PARKING STUDIES REVEAL
23 THAT A RATIO OF MORE THAN 1 SPACE PER UNIT IS NOT NEEDED. IN
24 FACT, MANY MUCH THESE PROJECTS UTILIZE QUITE A BIT FEWER THAN
25 ONE SPACE PER UNIT. AND WE PROVIDE ONE SPACE PER UNIT AND



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1 ADDITIONAL PARKING FOR STAFF AND OTHER USES. THE AFFORDABLE
2 HOUSING PROJECT IS CONSISTENT WITH THE GOALS AND POLICIES OF
3 THE HOUSING ELEMENT, WHICH ENCOURAGES PROVIDING LOW INCOME
4 HOUSING, ESPECIALLY FOR THOSE WITH SPECIAL NEEDS. THE GENERAL
5 PLAN ENCOURAGES HOUSING FOR LOW INCOME HOUSEHOLDS IN URBAN
6 AREAS AND ENCOURAGES HIGH DENSITY HOUSING THAT'S ADJACENT TO
7 TRANSIT CORRIDORS AND CENTERS WITH SERVICES AND JOBS. AND
8 SMART GROWTH PRINCIPLES ALSO SUPPORT CONCENTRATING HIGHER
9 DENSITY ALONG A TRANSIT CORRIDOR SUCH AS AVALON BOULEVARD. WE
10 BELIEVE THE COMMISSION ACTED PROPERLY AND MADE AN APPROPRIATE
11 AND REASONABLE DECISION AND WE RESPECTFULLY REQUEST THAT THE
12 BOARD DENY THE APPEAL AND ALLOW THE PROJECT TO MOVE FORWARD.
13 THANK YOU.

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15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. CHRISTINA HAYWARD.

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17 **DORA GALLO:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS DORA GALLO AND I'M THE
18 C.E.O. OF COMMUNITY OF FRIENDS.

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20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** EXCUSE ME ONE SECOND. IS CHRISTINA
21 HAYWARD HERE? SO DO YOU WANT TO GO NEXT? YOU'RE ALL TOGETHER?
22 OKAY. SO GO AHEAD, MISS GALLO. SORRY, START HER TIME OVER.

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24 **DORA GALLO:** I'M DORA GALLO, I'M THE C.E.O. OF COMMUNITY OF
25 FRIENDS. AND WE ARE A REGIONAL AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEVELOPER



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1 WHOSE MISSION IS TO END HOMELESSNESS THROUGH THE PROVISION OF
2 QUALITY SUPPORTIVE HOUSING FOR PEOPLE WITH SPECIAL NEEDS. OUR
3 HOUSING COMPLEXES ARE WHAT IS NOW KNOWN AS PERMANENT
4 SUPPORTIVE HOUSING. IN THE PAST 24 YEARS, WE HAVE COMPLETED 38
5 BUILDINGS THROUGHOUT LOS ANGELES AND ORANGE COUNTY, TOTALING
6 OVER 1400 UNITS. ALL BUT TWO BUILDINGS ARE PERMANENT
7 SUPPORTIVE HOUSING. I'M HERE BEFORE YOU TODAY TO ASK FOR YOUR
8 SUPPORT OF AVALON APARTMENTS AND TO DENY THE APPEAL FILED BY
9 FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS COMMUNITY CLUB. AVALON APARTMENTS IS A
10 55-UNIT PROJECT. IT IS ALSO WHAT WE CALL MIXED POPULATION
11 HOUSING WHERE ONLY A PORTION OF THE UNITS ARE SET ASIDE FOR
12 PEOPLE WITH SPECIAL NEEDS AND THE OTHER ARE RESERVED FOR JUST
13 REGULAR AFFORDABLE HOUSING FOR PEOPLE AT 50 PERCENT OF AREA
14 MEDIAN INCOME. WE DO UNDERSTAND THE COMMUNITY'S CONCERNS. BUT
15 WE BELIEVE THAT OUR PROJECT IS NOT WHAT THEY IMAGINE IT WILL
16 BE AND IT WILL NOT HAVE THE NEGATIVE IMPACT THAT THEY THINK IT
17 WILL. A COMMUNITY OF FRIENDS IS CAREFUL IN THEIR SELECTION OF
18 SITES. AND AS PROPERTY OWNERS, WE TAKE JUST AS MUCH PRIDE IN
19 OUR BUILDINGS AS THE COMMUNITY DOES OF THEIR NEIGHBORHOOD. OUR
20 GOALS ARE SIMILAR. FOR AN AFFORDABLE HOME IN A COMMUNITY OF
21 CARING NEIGHBORS WORKING TOGETHER TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF
22 LIFE FOR THEMSELVES AND THEIR NEIGHBORS. FROM JANUARY TO APRIL
23 OF THIS YEAR, WE HELD OR ATTENDED FIVE COMMUNITY MEETINGS TO
24 DISCUSS THE PROPOSED PROJECT, TO ANSWER QUESTIONS AND TO
25 LISTEN TO CONCERNS. WE'VE MADE SOME CHANGES TO THE DESIGN IN



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1 RESPONSE TO CONCERNS ABOUT NOISE, AND WE MADE COMMITMENTS FOR
2 LOCAL HIRING. AVALON APARTMENTS IS A GOOD PROJECT. AND AS YOU
3 HEARD, IT IS CONSISTENT WITH THE COUNTY'S GENERAL PLAN AND THE
4 HOUSING ELEMENT, WHICH EMPHASIZING THE PROVISION OF HOUSING
5 FOR LOW INCOME HOUSEHOLDS AND THOSE WITH SPECIAL NEEDS. IT IS
6 ALSO CONSISTENT WITH THIS BODY'S COMMITMENT TO ENDING
7 HOMELESSNESS. AND IN PARTICULAR IT'S A STEP TOWARDS ADDRESSING
8 THE IMBALANCE OF RESOURCES AND NEED RELATING TO HOMELESSNESS
9 IN THE SOUTH LOS ANGELES SPA 6 AREA. WE HAVE TOLD YOU ABOUT
10 OUR VIEWS OF THE APPEAL RELATING TO THE DENSITY AND ZONING
11 CONCERNS. WE HAVE SOME PEOPLE HERE WHO SPEAK IN SUPPORT OF THE
12 PROJECT. AND I ALSO DISTRIBUTED JUST THIS MORNING A LETTER
13 FROM A BLOCK CAPTAIN OF A NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH IN SILVER LAKE
14 WHO STRONGLY OPPOSED ONE OF OUR PROJECTS IN THE SILVER LAKE
15 AREA IN THE COMMUNITY AND 15 MONTHS LATER WHEN WE OPENED
16 BECAME AN ARDENT SUPPORTER. I THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME. I'M
17 HERE TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE. I URGE YOU TO DENY
18 THE APPEAL AND TO SUPPORT THIS PROJECT. THANK YOU.

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20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. CHRISTINA HAYWARD?

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22 **CHRISTINA HAYWARD:** YES, THANK YOU. MY NAME IS CHRISTINA
23 HAYWARD. I HAVE TWO CHILDREN WITH MY HUSBAND BEN, A 13-YEAR-
24 OLD DAUGHTER NAMED CAILEY AND A 9-YEAR-OLD SON NAMED BEN. I
25 CURRENTLY LIVE AT THE WILLOW APARTMENTS. BEFORE COMING TO



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1 A.C.O.F. I WAS HOMELESS FOR SEVERAL YEARS. THE LONGEST PERIOD
2 I WAS HOMELESS WITH MY FAMILY WAS FIVE YEARS, GOING FROM
3 SHELTER TO SHELTER, WHEN I RECEIVED A PHONE CALL FROM A
4 COMMUNITY OF FRIENDS. IT WAS A POINT IN MY LIFE WHERE I HAD
5 GIVEN UP HOPE OF HAVING MY OWN HOME. I MOVED TO COMPTON. THE
6 BUILDING OVERALL, THE APPEARANCE WAS BEYOND MY EXPECTATIONS. I
7 HAVE A DIFFERENT IDEA NOW OF WHAT LOW INCOME HOUSING IS
8 SUPPOSED TO BE. THE BUILDING IS WELL MAINTAINED. I'M ABOUT TO
9 COMPLETE MY FIRST TWO YEARS AT THE WILLOW APARTMENTS. I FEEL
10 LESS WORRIED ABOUT MY SITUATION. I HAVE NO LONGER HAVE THOSE
11 CONSTANT THOUGHTS WHERE I'M GOING NEXT WITH MY FAMILY. I HAVE
12 THINGS NOW THAT PEOPLE TAKE FOR GRANTED: A ROOF OVER MY HEAD.
13 MY OWN KITCHEN. OUR OWN BEDROOMS. MY CHILDREN ARE ENROLLED IN
14 ONE SCHOOL. THEY'RE ABLE TO MAKE THEIR OWN FRIENDS AND LIVE A
15 NORMAL LIFE. I HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO ATTEND MY LIFE SKILL
16 GROUPS. THIS ALLOWS ME TO SOCIALIZE AND PRACTICE SKILLS I HAVE
17 LEARNED IN MY OWN PERSONAL LIFE. BEING IN HOUSING HAS ALLOWED
18 ME TO MANAGE MY SYMPTOMS. I'M ABLE TO BE AROUND LARGER AMOUNTS
19 OF PEOPLE. LOOK WHERE I AM TODAY. BEING IN ONE PLACE HAS
20 ALLOWED ME TO GET TO KNOW MY NEIGHBORS AND TRUST MORE MY
21 ENVIRONMENT. IN THE SHELTER LIFE, THERE WAS MANY RESTRICTIONS.
22 WE HAVE TO BE IN AT 7 AND BE BACK AT 4. AND AT ONE I HAD TO BE
23 AWAY FROM MY HUSBAND AND MY SON. THEY SEPARATED US BECAUSE OF
24 OUR GENDERS. A.C.O.F. HAS GIVEN ME THE OPPORTUNITY IN A STABLE



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1 APARTMENT. FOR FIVE YEARS I'VE BEEN HOMELESS, NOW I HAVE
2 SOMEWHERE TO CALL HOME. I SUPPORT THE AVALON PROJECT.

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4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU MISS HAYWARD. BEFORE
5 MISS SMITH STARTS, LET ME CALL UP JOHN GRIFFITH, AND EDDIE
6 LAMONT. MISS SMITH?

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8 **RUBY SMITH:** HI, MY NAME IS RUBY SMITH, AND I AM A RESIDENT AT
9 ONE OF COMMUNITY OF FRIENDS' BUILDINGS HERE IN LOS ANGELES ON
10 FIGUEROA STREET. AND BEFORE COMING TO THE FIGUEROA APARTMENTS,
11 I WAS HOMELESS. I WAS AN ALCOHOLIC. AND NOW THAT MY LIFE HAS
12 CHANGED BECAUSE OF THE COMMUNITY OF FRIENDS, I WAS HOMELESS,
13 LIKE I SAY, I WAS HOMELESS. AND A FRIEND TOLD ME ABOUT A
14 COMMUNITY OF FRIENDS. AND I WENT THERE AND APPLIED FOR THE
15 APARTMENT. AND NOT ONLY DID THEY GIVE ME AN APARTMENT, A PLACE
16 TO STAY. THEY GAVE ME HOPE. THEY BUILT SOME OPPORTUNITIES FOR
17 US. SO I KNOW FOR ME THEY CREATED JOBS TO WHERE WE COULD WORK
18 INSIDE THE BUILDING AND FEEL A PART OF SOCIETY TODAY. AND THEY
19 GIVE -- THEY HAVE ALSO GIVEN ME A STAFF THAT I COULD GO TO AND
20 TALK TO WHENEVER I'M IN TROUBLE OR WHENEVER I NEED SOME HELP.
21 THEY'RE STAFF IS RIGHT THERE FOR US. AND THEY DOESN'T TREAT US
22 LIKE WE'RE NOT A PART OF SOCIETY. THEY GIVE US HOPE AND THEY
23 HAVE SHOWN US COMPASSION. AND I THINK, AND FOR MYSELF THAT I
24 REALLY THANK GOD FOR COMMUNITY OF FRIENDS BECAUSE THEY HAVE
25 BEEN TRULY A FRIEND TO THE COMMUNITY. THEY HAVE WENT BEYOND



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1 AND ABOVE WHAT I COULD PERSONALLY SEE. I KNOW FOR MY OWN SELF,
2 THEY HAVE REACHED OUT AND HELPED ME IN A GREAT DEAL. AND I FOR
3 MYSELF, I AM REALLY PROUD TO BE A PART OF COMMUNITY OF
4 FRIENDS. AND WHATEVER I COULD DO TO HELP SOMEONE ELSE ALONG
5 THE WAY BECAUSE THEY HAVE DONE IT FOR ME. THEY HAVE DONE
6 GREAT, GIVEN ME GREAT OPPORTUNITIES, YOU KNOW, TO BE ABLE TO
7 STAND UP AND BE A CITIZEN OF A COMMUNITY. AND I JUST WANT TO
8 THANK THEM FOR THEIR HELP.

9

10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. JOHN
11 GRIFFITH.

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13 **JOHN GRIFFITH:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. I AM JOHN GRIFFITH.
14 AND I'M THE PRESIDENT AND C.E.O. OF KEDREN COMMUNITY HEALTH
15 CENTER, INC. KEDREN WAS FOUNDED IN 1965 OUT OF THE WATTS RIOTS
16 AND HAS BEEN PROVIDING BOTH MENTAL HEALTH AND HEAD START
17 PRESCHOOL PROGRAMS TO RESIDENTS OF THE WATTS, WILLOWBROOK,
18 CENTRAL, AND SURROUNDING LOCALITIES IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY.
19 KEDREN ADDITIONALLY PROVIDES ACUTE PSYCHIATRIC INPATIENT
20 SERVICES FOR CHILDREN AND ADULTS AND OUTPATIENT MENTAL HEALTH
21 SERVICES FOR ALL AGE GROUPS. I'M HERE TODAY TO SUPPORT A
22 COMMUNITY OF FRIENDS' PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION 55 APARTMENTS, OF
23 WHICH 37 WILL BE FOR HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES.
24 A.C.O.F. REMAINS A CHAMPION IN THE PROVISION OF AFFORDABLE
25 PERMANENT HOUSING FOR LOW INCOME FAMILIES AND IN UNDERSERVED



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1 AREAS. THE AVAILABILITY OF THE 37 HOMES NOT ONLY CONTRIBUTES
2 TO FURTHER REDUCTION OF HOMELESSNESS IN THE LOCAL COMMUNITY,
3 BUT ALSO PROVIDES A PLATFORM FROM WHICH THOSE ONCE-HOMELESS
4 INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES WILL BE BETTER ABLE TO TAKE ADVANTAGE
5 OF AN ARRAY OF WRAP-AROUND SERVICES, INCLUDING PRIMARY CARE,
6 ALSO INCLUDING EARLY HEAD START, HEAD START SERVICES WOULD BE
7 PROVIDED IN THE AREA. AND THESE ARE ALL AIMED AT MOVING THEM
8 FROM A STATE OF HOMELESS AND DESPAIR TO ONE OF DIGNITY, THUS
9 IMPROVING THEIR QUALITY OF LIFE. AS A MENTAL HEALTH SERVICE
10 PROVIDER, KEDREN HAS A CLINICAL RESPONSIBILITY TO HELP THEM
11 ACCOMPLISH HEALTH AND WELLNESS. AND WE ALSO HAVE A HUMANE AND
12 MORAL RESPONSIBILITY TO HELP THEM REINTEGRATE INTO THE LOCAL
13 COMMUNITY. MOST OF THE CLIENTS ARE RESIDENTS OF THE COMMUNITY.
14 AND WE FEEL THAT PEOPLE HAVE TO BE ABLE TO FEEL INCLUDED IN
15 ORDER TO MAINTAIN WELLNESS. THE POTENTIAL -- THESE POTENTIAL
16 RESIDENTS ARE FROM THE LOCAL COMMUNITY. AND IF THEIR COMMUNITY
17 OBSTRUCTS THEM BY DENYING THEM A BASIC NECESSITY SUCH AS
18 PERMANENT AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING, WHERE CAN THEY GO? I'M
19 THEREFORE ASKING THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO SUPPORT THIS
20 PROJECT AND TO DENY THE PETITION. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. WHAT IS YOUR NAME?

23
24 **EDDIE LAMONT:** MY NAME?



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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** YES.

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3 **EDDIE LAMONT:** EDDIE LAMONT.

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5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** EDDIE LAMONT. OKAY. YOU'RE NEXT.

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7 **EDDIE LAMONT:** OKAY. I'M EDDIE LAMONT. AND I'M A VOLUNTEER
8 THAT'S BEEN VOLUNTEERING FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH
9 SINCE THE MIDDLE '70S. AND ONE OF THE THINGS THAT WE HAVE LONG
10 WAITED FOR, THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE BUILD PERMANENT HOUSING FOR
11 PEOPLE THAT HAVE HAD MENTAL ILLNESS. ONE OF THE THINGS IS
12 PEOPLE IN OUR COMMUNITY MAY NOT KNOW, BUT WE ARE THE SECOND
13 LARGEST HOMELESS POPULATION, THAT'S SUPERVISOR SECOND
14 DISTRICT. AND I'M SERVICE AREA 6 CHAIRPERSON OF THE ADVISORY
15 COMMITTEE. ALSO, I'M ON THE BOARD FOR TRYING TO PROVIDE HOMES,
16 BECAUSE THIS IS ONE THING I SAID I THANK GOD I'VE NEVER BEEN
17 THERE, NEVER BEEN HOMELESS. BUT THEN MAYBE I FEEL LIKE I WILL
18 BECOME MENTALLY ILL IF I BECOME HOMELESS. AND THE FIRST THING
19 FOR RECOVERY FOR HOMELESS PEOPLE, I MEAN FOR MENTALLY ILL
20 PEOPLE, IS TO HAVE A HOME. YOU HEARD THE LADY. I DIDN'T EVEN
21 KNOW SHE WAS GOING TO BE HERE. YOU NEED PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE
22 HOUSING. THAT IS WHAT I FOUGHT FOR SO LONG. AND I'M SO GLAD TO
23 SEE IT COME ABOUT. THEY'RE NOT GOING TO LET THOSE PEOPLE JUST
24 BE THERE AND YOU KNOW MAYBE LOSE THEIR PLACE. THEY'RE GOING TO
25 TRY TO HELP THEM DO WHATEVER THEY NEED, WHATEVER IS NEEDED TO



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1 HELP THEM RECOVER. AND MENTAL ILLNESS DOES NOT HAVE A RESPECT
2 FOR PERSONS. IT DOESN'T CARE WHAT INCOME YOU COME FROM. IT
3 DOESN'T CARE WHAT COLOR YOU ARE. IT DOESN'T CARE WHAT AGE YOU
4 ARE. MENTAL ILLNESS AFFECTS ALL KINDS OF PEOPLE. AND SOME OF
5 THE PEOPLE THAT ARE MAYBE OPPOSING MAY HAVE PEOPLE THAT ARE
6 MENTALLY ILL IN THEIR FAMILY. AND I'M IN SUPPORT. I'VE I'VE
7 BEEN KNOWING COMMUNITY OF FRIENDS FOR YEARS. AND I'M SO GLAD
8 THAT WE WERE ABLE ON OUR ADVISORY BOARD TO PROVIDE A SMALL
9 PORTION OF THE MONEY THAT THEY GOT TO SPEND TO BUILD THAT
10 PLACE TO BE SUPPORTIVE HOUSING FOR PEOPLE WITH MENTAL ILLNESS.
11 PEOPLE DON'T REALLY TALK ABOUT PEOPLE WITH MENTAL ILLNESS.
12 THERE'S A WHOLE LOT OF PEOPLE, HALF OF WHAT'S IN HERE THAT ARE
13 MENTALLY ILL. SO JUST THINK ABOUT IT. SO I'M IN SUPPORT OF THE
14 COMMUNITY OF FRIENDS. AND I SURE HOPE -- SEE I KNOW THAT
15 PEOPLE ARE SAYING WE'RE PULLING PEOPLE FROM DOWN ON SKID ROW
16 AND PUTTING THEM IN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD, THAT'S NOT TRUE. DR.
17 GRIFFITH IS THE PERSON THAT'S GOING TO BE ONE OF THE PEOPLE
18 THAT'S GOING TO BE SUPPORTING THOSE PEOPLE THERE. I KNOW THESE
19 PEOPLE. I HAVE LIVED IN WILLOWBROOKS IT WILL BE 61 YEARS IN
20 DECEMBER. AND I'VE BEEN FIGHTING FOR EVERYTHING AROUND THERE,
21 THE LIBRARIES, ALL THE STUFF. PEOPLE DON'T KNOW ME THAT WELL.
22 BUT ALL THE STUFF AROUND THERE. HOSPITAL AND ALL OF IT.
23
24 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** YOU GOT ANOTHER 61 YEARS TO GO,
25 THOUGH? THEY'LL KNOW YOU. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.



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2 **EDDIE LAMONT:** ALL RIGHT. I THANK YOU.

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4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY.

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6 **EDDIE LAMONT:** AND I'M HOPING YOU DENY THE -- .

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8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. ALL RIGHT. SUPERVISOR

9 RIDLEY-THOMAS?

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11 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MR. CHAIRMAN. JUST A

12 COUPLE QUESTIONS FOR THE SAKE OF CLARIFICATION OF STAFF.

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14 **EDDIE LAMONT:** COULD I SAY ONE MORE THING? CAN I SAY WE'RE
15 TRYING TO MAKE SURE THAT EVERY SUPERVISOR'S AREA HAVE THIS
16 PERMANENT HOUSING AND WE ARE MAKING SURE THAT IT IS IN EVERY
17 SUPERVISOR'S AREA AND ALL EIGHT SERVICE AREAS. OKAY.

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19 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** ALL RIGHT.

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21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** MR. RIDLEY-THOMAS, I FAILED TO
22 CALL ONE OTHER PERSON. ARNOLD SACHS?

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24 **ARNOLD SACHS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. ARNOLD SACHS. THIS IS A
25 TOUGH ONE. I'M VERY HAPPY TO HEAR THAT SOME HOUSING IS GOING



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1 TO BE INVOLVED IN A LOW-INCOME AREA. BUT MY CONCERNS, LIKE
2 SOME OF THE PEOPLE MENTIONED, WOULD BE THE ADJUSTMENT FROM THE
3 DENSITY OF 10 PEOPLE PER ACRE TO 55. THE GENTLEMAN MENTIONED
4 THAT YOU HAD AUTHORIZED A PROJECT OF 110 PEOPLE PER ACRE. AND
5 I'M WONDERING HOW BIG A PROJECT LOT SIZE THAT WAS IN
6 COMPARISON TO THIS ONE WHERE YOU DOUBLED THE AMOUNT OF
7 POPULATION ON A PER ACRE SITE. BUT WHAT'S REALLY INTERESTING
8 IN LISTENING TO THE DISCUSSION AND BASING IT ON SOME OF THE
9 INFORMATION THAT'S COME BEFORE THE COUNTY, YOU HAD A PROJECT
10 50 TO DO HOMELESS INTAKE FOR THE COUNTY THAT COST LIKE \$10
11 MILLION MINIMUM TO START. HERE'S A SUCCESSFUL BLUEPRINT
12 EVIDENTLY, THAT THESE PEOPLE ARE TAKING HOMELESS PEOPLE AND
13 PUTTING THEM IN SUPPORTIVE HOUSING, PROVIDING THE SERVICES
14 THAT YOU WANTED TO PROVIDE FOR THE HOMELESS 50 PROJECT THROUGH
15 A PRIVATE CONTRACTOR. HOW IS THAT POSSIBLE? HOW ARE THEY BEING
16 SO SUCCESSFUL? ADDITIONALLY, WE HEARD THE GENTLEMAN FROM YOUR
17 COMMISSION MENTION THAT THEY MENTIONED THAT THIS PROJECT WOULD
18 BE FEASIBLE BY ELIMINATING OR DOWN SIZING THE PARKING BY 40
19 PERCENT. WELL, M.T.A. IS PROPOSING TRANSIT-ORIENTED
20 DEVELOPMENT. SO IF YOU DOWNSIZE THE PARKING BY 40 PERCENT AT
21 TRANSIT ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT, VOILA! LOW INCOME HOUSING
22 BECOMES ACCESSIBLE. SO LET'S LOOK INTO THAT PART OF THE
23 PROJECT. THERE'S A LOT OF ANSWERS COMING OUT HERE THAT LEAD TO
24 A LOT MORE QUESTIONS AS FAR AS HOW YOU DECIDE WHAT'S LOW
25 INCOME AND WHERE IT'S DONE. AND I WOULD HOPE THAT YOU WOULD



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1 USE THESE PEOPLE AS A BLUEPRINT FOR LOW INCOME HOUSING. THEY
2 SAID THEY DID, WHAT? 40 PROJECTS MINIMUM, SOMEWHERE IN THAT
3 VICINITY, BETWEEN L.A. AND ORANGE COUNTY, TAKING PEOPLE OFF
4 THE STREET. WHY AREN'T THEY BEING QUESTIONED? WHY AREN'T THEY
5 BEING MENTORED FOR THE PROJECTS IN THE COUNTY? WITH THE
6 SUCCESSFUL RATE THAT THEY HAVE, IT SEEMS LIKE IT WOULD BE --
7 THESE ARE THE PEOPLE YOU WOULD GO TO. THEY MENTIONED WE HAVE
8 THE SERVICES FOR MENTALLY ILL. WE HAVE SERVICES FOR PEOPLE
9 WITH DISABILITIES. WE HAVE SERVICES FOR PEOPLE THAT HAVE
10 PROBLEMS FUNCTIONING IN SOCIETY. THIS IS PERFECT. AND
11 ADDITIONALLY, YOU HAVE THE PEOPLE THAT ARE COMING BACK FROM
12 BEING RELEASED, EARLY RELEASE FROM PRISON. THIS SEEMS TO BE A
13 GROUP THAT YOU WOULD WANT TO DO BUSINESS WITH. WHY AREN'T YOU
14 DOING MORE BUSINESS WITH THEM? AND THAT LEADS TO ANOTHER
15 QUESTION.

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17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** MR. RIDLEY-THOMAS.

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19 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MR. CHAIRMAN, COLLEAGUES, I SIMPLY WANT TO
20 POSE A QUESTION TO STAFF REGARDING THE PUBLIC SAFETY ASPECT OF
21 IT AND TO THE EXTENT THAT THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT HAS
22 EXPRESSED ITS OPINION ABOUT THE IMPACTS THAT A PROJECT OF THIS
23 SORT WOULD HAVE POSITIVELY OR NEGATIVELY.

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1 **TYLER MONTGOMERY:** WE DID CONSULT WITH THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
2 DURING THE INITIAL STUDY, ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTATION, AS WELL
3 AS DURING THE PERMIT CONSULTATION PROCESS. WE ASKED THEM TO
4 COMMENT ON WHETHER SERVICE WOULD BE SUFFICIENT, RESPONSE TIMES
5 AND THINGS LIKE THAT. AND THEY DID NOT INDICATE THAT THERE
6 WOULD BE ANY PROBLEMS WITH PROVIDING SERVICES OR RESPONSE
7 TIME. WE DID NOT ASK THEM TO SPECIFICALLY COMMENT ON THEIR
8 PREDICTION OF WHAT A PROJECT LIKE THIS IN THE FUTURE COULD
9 HAVE IN TERMS OF CRIME IN THE VICINITY. BUT WE DID ASK THEM TO
10 LOOK INTO PAST CRIMES REPORTS FOR THAT PROPERTY. AND THEY GAVE
11 US A LIST OF CRIMES THAT HAVE OCCURRED ON THAT PROPERTY IN THE
12 LAST TWO YEARS.

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14 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** SO FROM THAT IS IT TO BE CONCLUDED THAT A
15 PROJECT THAT WOULD BE BUILT THERE WOULD ARREST THIS BEING
16 EFFECTIVELY AN ATTRACTIVE NUISANCE, IS THAT A REASONABLE
17 CONCLUSION TO DRAW?

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19 **TYLER MONTGOMERY:** THAT WOULD BE, YES, ONE OF THE CONCLUSIONS I
20 WOULD DRAW IS THAT THE VACANT PROPERTIES, ESPECIALLY WITH
21 ABANDONED BUILDINGS, ESPECIALLY THIS PROPERTY WHICH IS SO DEEP
22 FROM THE STREET USUALLY PROVIDES AN ATTRACTIVE NUISANCE FOR
23 THESE TYPE OF CRIMES.

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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** ALL RIGHT. YOU'VE ALREADY ADDRESSED THE
2 QUESTION I THINK WITH RESPECT TO THE ISSUE OF DENSITY AND
3 COMPATIBILITY, BUT IT'S WORTH UNDERSCORING IN VIEW OF THE FACT
4 THAT IT'S BEEN REPRESENTED THAT THE SIZE OF THE PROJECT IS
5 PROBLEMATIC. SPEAK TO HOW YOU JUSTIFY THIS NUMBER OF UNITS
6 GIVEN THE PARCEL ON WHICH IT IS TO BE BUILT.

7

8 **TYLER MONTGOMERY:** CERTAINLY. THE COUNTY'S EFFECTIVE HOUSING
9 ELEMENT ALLOWS FOR DENSITY INCREASES FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING
10 PROJECTS IN ORDER TO MAKE IT EASIER TO PROVIDE AFFORDABLE
11 HOUSING AS LONG AS CERTAIN CONDITIONS ARE MET. FIRST OF ALL,
12 THAT IT WON'T NEGATIVELY AFFECT THE COMMUNITY CHARACTER. AS WE
13 STATED, THERE'S SENIOR HOUSING FACILITY IMMEDIATELY TO THE
14 SOUTH WITH SIMILAR DENSITY. THERE'S ALSO A MIX OF COMMERCIAL,
15 INDUSTRIAL USES AS WELL AS RESIDENTIAL USES IN THE AREA, THAT
16 THE SITE IS SUFFICIENT SIZE FOR THE DESIGN, THAT IT WON'T
17 OVERBURDEN PUBLIC SERVICES OR LOCAL TRAFFIC. AGAIN WE'VE
18 CONSULTED WITH PUBLIC WORKS, FIRE, PUBLIC HEALTH AND THEY'VE
19 CONCLUDED THE INFRASTRUCTURE IS SUFFICIENT FOR THE PROJECT AS
20 WELL AS IT'S LOCATED NEXT TO AVALON BOULEVARD, WHICH IS A
21 MAJOR TRANSIT CORRIDOR. ALSO THAT IT'S COMPATIBLE WITH
22 SURROUNDING USES. AND, AGAIN, AS I'VE STATED, THERE'S A HIGHER
23 DENSITY SENIOR FACILITY IMMEDIATELY TO THE SOUTH, AS WELL AS
24 MIX OF COMMERCIAL, RESIDENTIAL, AND INDUSTRIAL USES IN THE
25 IMMEDIATE NEIGHBORHOOD.



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2 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MR. CHAIRMAN AND COLLEAGUES, PERMIT ME TO
3 READ IN THE FOLLOWING MOTION PURSUANT TO THE RECOMMENDATION OF
4 STAFF. "IT SHOULD BE NOTED FOR THE RECORD THAT A COMMUNITY OF
5 FRIENDS IS A NONPROFIT AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEVELOPER WHOSE
6 MISSION IS TO END HOMELESSNESS THROUGH THE PROVISION OF
7 QUALITY PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING FOR PEOPLE WITH MENTAL
8 ILLNESS. THIS ORGANIZATION HAS A WELL PROVEN TRACK RECORD OF
9 BEING ABLE TO PROFESSIONALLY CONSTRUCT AND OPERATE QUALITY
10 HOUSING FACILITIES THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
11 INCLUDING A WELL-ESTABLISHED FACILITY ON WILMINGTON AVENUE IN
12 WILLOWBROOK. THE PROPOSAL HERE, AVALON APARTMENTS, A 55-UNIT
13 HOUSING COMPLEX THAT INCLUDES 37 AFFORDABLE UNITS FOR
14 INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES WHO ARE HOMELESS AND LIVING WITH
15 MENTAL ILLNESS, 17 AFFORDABLE UNITS FOR LOW INCOME FAMILIES
16 AND ONE UNIT TO HOUSE THE ON-SITE MANAGER. SUPPORTIVE
17 SERVICES, A SATELLITE HEALTH CLINIC, FITNESS AREA, COMMUNITY
18 GARDEN AND VARIOUS OTHER AMENITIES, WOULD BE AVAILABLE ON SITE
19 TO PROMOTE THE SAFETY AND WELLNESS OF THE TENANTS. A.C.O.F.,
20 AS WE'VE COME TO KNOW IT, HAS PERFORMED AN EXTENSIVE COMMUNITY
21 OUTREACH PROCESS AND INCORPORATED FEEDBACK ON THE DESIGN OF
22 THE DEVELOPMENT THAT HAS BEEN PROVIDED BY ENGAGED
23 STAKEHOLDERS. AND IT SHOULD BE NOTED HERE THAT NOT THE LEAST
24 OF WHICH WOULD BE SOME OF THOSE WHO HAVE COMMENTED TODAY THEIR
25 INPUT, THEIR CRITIQUE, HAS TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION. IT'S MY



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1 UNDERSTANDING, THAT ADJUSTMENTS TO THIS PROJECT HAVE BEEN MADE
2 OUT OF RESPECT FOR THOSE POINT OF VIEW. AND SO I WANT TO
3 ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THE DEMOCRATIC PROCESS AFFORDS PERSONS WHO
4 ARE AFFECTED TO COME FORWARD, EXPRESS THEIR VIEWS AND THEY
5 HAVE DONE SO. SO THE PARCEL ON AVALON BOULEVARD WHERE THE
6 DEVELOPMENT IS PROPOSED IS CURRENTLY A SOURCE OF NUISANCE AND
7 BLIGHT. AND I DON'T KNOW THAT THERE IS A DEBATE ABOUT THAT.
8 AND TO THE EXTENT THAT SUCH IS THE CASE, THIS TYPE OF
9 UNDERUTILIZED LAND DOES, AS WE KNOW, ATTRACT PROBLEMS. IT IS
10 THE VIEW OF OUR OFFICE, THAT IS, THE SECOND SUPERVISORIAL
11 OFFICE, THAT DEVELOPMENTS CONTRIBUTE TO THE WELL-BEING OF A
12 COMMUNITY IF THEY'RE WELL-DESIGNED AND CONSISTENT WITH A
13 HIGHER AND BETTER USE FOR THE LAND IN THE PARTICULAR
14 ENVIRONMENT. IT IS ALSO IMPORTANT TO NOTE THAT THE PROPOSED
15 DEVELOPMENT WOULD MITIGATE THE EXISTING ADVERSE ENVIRONMENTAL
16 CONDITIONS. THE DEVELOPMENT WILL BRING BOTH CONSTRUCTION AND
17 PERMANENT JOBS TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD AND HELP THE MOST
18 VULNERABLE MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY OBTAIN STABLE HOUSING AND
19 SUPPORTIVE SERVICES TO BECOME PRODUCTIVE MEMBERS OF THAT
20 COMMUNITY, A COMMUNITY THAT MANY OF THEM KNOW AND ARE IN FACT
21 A PART OF. SO AVALON APARTMENTS WOULD BE LOCATED IN AN AREA OF
22 THE COUNTY THAT HAS THE SECOND HIGHEST PERCENTAGE OF
23 HOMELESSNESS BUT AMONG THE FEWEST RESOURCES TO ADDRESS THIS
24 PARTICULAR CHALLENGE. THE DEVELOPMENT PROMISES TO BE A
25 SIGNIFICANT ASSET TO THE WILLOWBROOK COMMUNITY, AND OUR



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1 OFFICES WILL INSIST ON THAT. AND OUR INSISTENCE IS MET BY THE
2 DETERMINATION AND THE TRACK RECORD OF A COMMUNITY OF FRIENDS,
3 WHICH IS WELL DOCUMENTED. I THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF
4 SUPERVISORS CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPT THE NEGATIVE
5 DECLARATION ASSOCIATED WITH AN ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT AND SO
6 INDICATED BY THE SPECIFIC NUMBERS. AND SECONDLY, INDICATE THAT
7 THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' INTENT TO APPROVE THE CONDITIONAL
8 USE PERMIT. AND FINALLY, DIRECT COUNTY COUNSEL TO PREPARE THE
9 FINAL FINDINGS AND CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL FOR THIS PROJECT TO
10 BRING BACK TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AT ITS FUTURE MEETING
11 FOR FINAL DISPOSITION AND CONSIDERATION." I SEEK A SECOND, MR.
12 CHAIRMAN.

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14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. IT'S MOVED AND
15 SECONDED. ANY DISCUSSION? IS THERE ANY OBJECTION? WITHOUT
16 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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18 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU. THE ADDITIONAL ITEM, MR.
19 CHAIRMAN, NO. 3. SIMPLY WISH TO OFFER A FRIENDLY AMENDMENT
20 WHICH HAS BEEN ACCEPTED BY THE MAKER OF THE MOTION REGARDING
21 THE MATTER OF SUPPORT OF FEDERAL LEGISLATION EXEMPTING U.S.
22 OLYMPIC ATHLETES FROM TAXES ON THE MEDALS THEY RECEIVE. I'LL
23 READ THE MOTION FOR CLARIFICATION. "AMERICAN ATHLETES WHO WIN
24 OLYMPIC MEDALS ALSO RECEIVE HONORARIA OF 25,000 FOR GOLD,
25 15,000 FOR SILVER, 10,000 FOR BRONZE. AND CURRENTLY, THE



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1 I.R.S. COLLECTS TAXES ON THESE AMOUNTS, NEARLY 9,000 FOR GOLD,
2 5,300 FOR SILVER AND 3,500 FOR BRONZE. THE OLYMPIC TAX
3 ELIMINATION ACT INTRODUCED BY SENATOR MARCO RUBIO AND
4 SPONSORED BY REPRESENTATIVE MARY BONO MACK AND G.K.
5 BUTTERFIELD, WOULD EXEMPT U.S. OLYMPIC MEDAL WINNERS FROM
6 PAYING TAXES ON THEIR HARD-EARNED MEDALS. AND I WISH TO OFFER
7 THE FOLLOWING AMENDMENT, AND I APPRECIATE SUPERVISOR
8 ANTONOVICH'S ACCEPTANCE OF IT. THAT WOULD BE TO HAVE THE BOARD
9 SUPPORT THE LEGISLATION TO REPEAL THE TAX ON AMERICAN
10 MEDALISTS WITH A FIVE-SIGNATURE LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR THE
11 OLYMPIC TAX ELIMINATION ACT, BUT ONLY IN THOSE INSTANCES WHERE
12 THE OLYMPIAN IS AN UNSPONSORED, AMATEUR ATHLETE. I SO MOVE,
13 MR. CHAIR.

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15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** IS THERE ANY OBJECTION? SECONDED
16 BY KNABE. WITHOUT OBJECTION, AS AMENDED. SO THAT WAS THE
17 AMENDMENT. LET'S DO THIS RIGHT. THAT WAS THE AMENDMENT. NOW WE
18 HAVE THE ANTONOVICH MOTION AS AMENDED. MOVED BY ANTONOVICH.
19 I'LL SECOND IT. WITHOUT OBJECTION, UNANIMOUS VOTE AS AMENDED.

20
21 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN. AND FINALLY, ON
22 ITEM 52-B, WITH RESPECT TO A.B.828, LET ME REQUEST THIS ITEM
23 BE CONTINUED IN ITS ENTIRETY FOR THREE WEEKS. THAT WOULD BE
24 SEPTEMBER 4.

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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. THERE ARE A NUMBER OF PEOPLE
2 WHO ASKED TO BE HEARD ON THIS, BUT IT'S GOING TO BE CONTINUED
3 UNTIL SEPTEMBER 4. SO I WOULD ASK IF ANYBODY HERE WHO SIGNED
4 UP TO SPEAK ON 52-B FEELS IT NECESSARY TO SPEAK TO IT SINCE
5 WE'RE GOING TO HAVE IT ON SEPTEMBER 4. YOU'LL HAVE AN
6 OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK TO IT AT THAT TIME. OKAY. SO I'M GOING TO
7 CALL YOUR NAME, IF YOU WANT TO WAIVE YOUR REQUEST TO SPEAK
8 TODAY, JUST SAY YOU WAIVE, OKAY? FRANK TAMBORELLO? YOU WANT TO
9 BE HEARD? HANNA DERSHOWITZ? YOU'LL WAIVE? THANK YOU. JOHN
10 JACKSON? ERIC ARES? KARL SCOTT? WAIVES. THANK YOU. WESLEY
11 WALKER? AND MIKE CHATTOM? ALL RIGHT. MR. TAMBORELLO.

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13 **FRANK TAMBORELLO:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS, I'M FRANK
14 TAMBORELLO, DIRECTOR OF HUNGER ACTION L.A. AND IN ALL MY YEARS
15 OF DISCUSSING THIS ISSUE, I HAVE YET TO SEE SOMEONE PROVIDE
16 EVIDENCE THAT RESTRICTING PEOPLE WITH ANY KIND OF DRUG FELONY
17 FROM FOOD STAMPS IS EITHER NECESSARY OR HELPFUL. WHAT IS THE
18 POPULATION WE'RE TALKING ABOUT HERE? THEY'RE PEOPLE WHO ARE
19 EITHER ON PROBATION, THEREFORE THEY'RE SUPERVISED, OR THEY'RE
20 OFF PROBATION, WHICH MEANS THAT A JUDGE HAS DECIDED THEY NO
21 LONGER NEED SUPERVISION. THERE ARE ALREADY EXISTING
22 PUNISHMENTS FOR PEOPLE WHO ABUSE FOOD STAMPS BY TRAFFICKING IN
23 THEM. AND WE SHOULD GO WITH THOSE PUNISHMENTS INSTEAD OF
24 CONTINUING PUNISHMENT WITH A LIFETIME BAN ON PEOPLE WHO HAVE
25 ALREADY DONE TIME FOR A DRUG FELONY. WE DON'T SEE ANY EVIDENCE



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1 THAT PEOPLE WITH PAST DRUG FELONIES NEED TO EAT LESS THAN ANY
2 OTHER PEOPLE. THIS IS NOT A POLITICAL ISSUE. THE FIRST TIME
3 THAT WE TRIED TO LIFT THIS BAN WAS UNDER A REPUBLICAN STATE
4 SENATOR, KATHY WRIGHT. IT ONLY HAD 8 VOTES AGAINST IT IN THE
5 ASSEMBLY AND 4 AGAINST IT IN THE SENATE. RIGHT NOW, THERE'S AN
6 EFFORT BEING LED BY REPUBLICANS IN THE MISSOURI STATE SENATE
7 TO LIFT THEIR BAN ON PEOPLE WITH PAST DRUG FELONIES. TO
8 SUPPORT A.B.828 AND LIFT THIS LIFETIME BAN IS GOING TO
9 TREMENDOUSLY HELP THE WORK OF BOTH D.P.S.S. AND THE PROBATION
10 OFFICE, ESPECIALLY WITH MORE PEOPLE COMING THROUGH COUNTY
11 FACILITIES BECAUSE OF REALIGNMENT. THE SUPPORT OF THE L.A.
12 COUNTY SUPERVISORS WILL BE TIMELY AND INFLUENTIAL ON THIS
13 BILL. THANK YOU.

14
15 **JOHN JACKSON:** MY NAME IS JOHN JACKSON. I'M AN ORGANIZER WITH
16 LOS ANGELES HUNGER ACTION NETWORK, I MEAN, LOS ANGELES. IT
17 JUST OCCURS, IT JUST SEEMS LIKE WHY WOULD LOS ANGELES COUNTY
18 TURN RESOURCES BACK AROUND AND SEND THEM BACK TO THE FEDERAL
19 GOVERNMENT WHEN WE'RE IN THE DIRE STRAITS THAT WE'RE IN HERE
20 IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY? THE MONEY THAT WOULD COME HERE AND BE
21 USED FOR THOSE SERVICES DOESN'T COME OUT OF LOS ANGELES
22 COUNTY'S COFFERS, IT COMES OUT OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT'S
23 COFFERS. AND RIGHT NOW AS IT EXISTS, WE COULD HAVE -- YOU
24 COULD LINE UP AN AXE MURDERER, A CHILD RAPIST, AND A PERSON
25 THAT SOLD \$5 WORTH OF MARIJUANA AND THEY GO TO THE GENERAL



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1 RELIEF OFFICE TOGETHER. EVERYBODY WOULD BE SERVED AND BE GIVEN
2 ACCESS TO FOOD STAMPS BESIDES THE PERSON THAT WAS SOLD \$5
3 WORTH OF MARIJUANA. IT MAKES NO SENSE. WHEN YOU LOOK AT RE-
4 ALIGNMENT AS A WHOLE, AND THIS CRISIS, THIS BUILDING OF THIS
5 POPULATION THAT'S COMING BACK TO COMMUNITIES THAT WE'RE
6 CHARGED WITH, NOW WE'RE RESPONSIBLE FOR THESE FOLKS WHEN WE
7 WEREN'T RESPONSIBLE FOR THEM BEFORE, HERE'S A WHOLE POPULATION
8 OF PEOPLE THAT PERHAPS MAY NEED THOSE SAME SERVICES INSTEAD OF
9 BE DEPENDENT UPON THE COUNTY OR PROBATION TO HAVE TO PROVIDE
10 THOSE SERVICES, THEN HERE'S SOME FEDERAL MONEY THAT ACTUALLY
11 CAN EASE THE WAY FOR THEM TO GET BACK INTO THE COMMUNITY.
12 WE'VE JUST ASKED THAT THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS KIND OF
13 LOOK AT IT FROM THE STANDPOINT OF VALUE ADDING RATHER THAN
14 TAKING AWAY. I THINK THAT WHEN YOU LOOK AT THE FACT THAT A
15 PERSON 20 YEARS AGO SOLD \$5 WORTH OF POT AND HAS BEEN WORKING
16 GAINFULLY AND VALUE ADDING TO SOCIETY FOR THE LAST 20 YEARS
17 AND THEY HAPPEN TO LOSE THEIR JOB BECAUSE THE ECONOMY TURNED
18 BAD, AND THEY APPLY FOR SOME SERVICES THAT ARE DESPERATELY
19 NEEDED IN THIS MOMENT OF CRISIS FOR THEM, FOR THEM TO BE
20 TURNED AWAY BECAUSE OF SOMETHING THAT HAPPENED 15, 20 YEARS
21 AGO, THIS IS A LIFETIME SENTENCE. INSTEAD OF GIVING THEM THE
22 SENTENCE THAT THE COURT HAS MANDATED, WE WIND UP GIVING THEM A
23 LIFETIME SENTENCE AROUND HOUSING AS WELL AS SOCIAL SERVICES.
24 AND IT'S TIME FOR THAT TO END. I THINK THAT WE NEED TO BE MORE
25 INNOVATIVE AND MORE CREATIVE IN ATTEMPTING TO PROBLEM SOLVE



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1 FOR THIS POPULATION THAT WE'RE CHARGED WITH SERVICING AND WE'D
2 APPRECIATE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' VOTE.

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4 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU. ERIC ARES?

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6 **ERIC ARES:** ARES, YES. GOOD MORNING, MY NAME IS ERIC ARES. I'M
7 WITH THE LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY ACTION NETWORK, HUNGER LOS
8 ANGELES AND THE CALIFORNIA HUNGER ACTION COALITION. I WAS HERE
9 A COUPLE WEEKS AGO WITH A NUMBER OF OUR RESIDENTS AND MEMBERS
10 SPEAKING ON THIS VERY SAME ISSUE, A.B.828, CALLING ON AND
11 ASKING FOR THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' SUPPORT IN TRYING
12 TO DO ANYTHING THEY CAN TO HELP PUSH THIS BILL FORWARD FOR ALL
13 THE REASONS THAT MR. TAMBORELLO MENTIONED AND FOR ALL THE
14 REASONS MR. JACKSON'S MENTIONED, AND FOR ALL THE REASONS I
15 MENTIONED TWO WEEKS AGO. SO I WAS VERY EXCITED TO COME HERE
16 TODAY THINKING THIS IS MOVING FORWARD. UNFORTUNATELY, IT IS
17 BEING CONTINUED. AND THE REASON WHY I GO ON RECORD HERE IS
18 BECAUSE I'M NOT SURE I COULD BE HERE IN THREE WEEKS BUT I WANT
19 TO GO ON RECORD NOW AND SAY THAT I SUPPORT 52-B. I SUPPORT ANY
20 ACTIONS THAT CAN BE DONE BEFORE THIS IS HEARD AGAIN IN THREE
21 WEEKS. A.B.828, THE TIME IS NOW TO DO THAT. SO WHETHER -- IF
22 WE DO 52-B IN HERE TODAY THAT'S FINE, BUT WE ASK THAT ANY
23 COUNTY SUPERVISORS MAKE ANY CALLS THEY CAN TO STATE SENATORS,
24 TED LIEU, CURREN PRICE, AND THE OTHER SENATORS ON THE SENATE
25 COMMITTEE ON THE STATE LEVEL TO TRY TO PUSH THIS FORWARD.



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1 BECAUSE OUR ORGANIZATION WORKS DIRECTLY WITH MANY, MANY
2 COUNTLESS INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE AFFECTED BY THIS LIFETIME BAN.
3 AND IT DOES NOT DO ANYTHING TO MAKE THE COMMUNITY SAFER. IN
4 FACT, IT MAKES IT MORE VULNERABLE TO FOOD INSECURITY, ET
5 CETERA. AND SO WE JUST CALL ON THE COUNTY SUPERVISORS TO DO
6 EVERYTHING THEY CAN, WHETHER IT BE THROUGH 52-B IN THREE
7 WEEKS, A PHONE CALL TODAY, AN EMAIL TO HELP PUSH THIS FORWARD.
8 BECAUSE THESE ARE A VULNERABLE, VULNERABLE POPULATION THAT IS
9 IN DIRE NEED OF THESE RESOURCES THAT COULD BE MADE AVAILABLE
10 VERY, VERY EASILY. SO WE HOPE THAT YOU ALL WILL DO ANYTHING
11 YOU CAN TO HELP THAT MOVE FORWARD. THANK YOU.

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13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. WESLEY WALKER?

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15 **WESLEY WALKER:** HI. GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS WESLEY WALKER.
16 AND I WAS HERE ABOUT TWO WEEKS AGO, ALSO, REPRESENTING L.A.
17 CAN. AND I WAS IN A DRUG REHAB PROGRAM ABOUT FOUR YEARS AGO,
18 MAYBE A LITTLE LONGER. BUT SINCE THEN, I HAVE COMPLETELY
19 TURNED MY LIFE AROUND AND STARTING TO DO GOOD WORK IN THE
20 COMMUNITY. AND I FEEL LIKE THIS IS A DAY THAT I'M BEING
21 PUNISHED TWICE. I DID EVERYTHING THAT WAS ASKED OF ME BY THE
22 COURTS. AND THERE'S PEOPLE LIKE ME THAT HAVE DONE THE SAME
23 THING. AND I THINK IT'S KIND OF CRAZY THAT THEY WOULD HOLD US
24 DOWN FOR THAT LONG AND LONGER BY DENYING US NUTRITION, FOOD
25 STAMPS, WHATEVER THE CASE MAY BE. THE MONEY THAT YOU WOULD BE



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1 GETTING IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD FOR MORE HELP, OTHER COMMUNITIES
2 AND CITIES AND WHATEVER MAY HAVE THERE BECAUSE THOSE FEDERAL
3 DOLLARS ARE BADLY NEEDED IN THEM TODAY. SO I WAS HERE TO ASK
4 THAT YOU PUT PRESSURE ON THE STATE REPRESENTATIVES TO PASS
5 THIS BILL LIFTING THE LIFETIME BAN ON FOOD STAMPS. AND I
6 UNDERSTAND THAT THAT'S BEEN WAIVED ON A LITTLE BIT FURTHER,
7 MAYBE TWO WEEKS. BUT I'M ALSO HERE, I UNDERSTAND THAT I
8 UNDERSTAND THAT 52-B WOULD HELP THE SAME PEOPLE. SO I'M HERE
9 IN FULL SUPPORT OF THE MOTION THAT SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS
10 WOULD INTRODUCE HERE TODAY.

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12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. APPRECIATE THAT. MIKE
13 CHATTOM.

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15 **MIKE CHATTOM:** YES, SIR. MY NAME IS MIKE CHATTOM, I'M HERE FROM
16 LOS ANGELES METROPOLITAN CHURCHES TO SPEAK ON THIS ISSUE THAT
17 IS GRAVELY AFFECTING OUR PEOPLE IN THE GREATER LOS ANGELES
18 AREA AND SUPERVISORY 6 AREA. AND WHAT I'D ALSO LIKE TO
19 EMPHASIZE IS WHEN WE WOULD BE OVER AT CERTAIN HOMES AND SEE
20 THE PLIGHT OF FOOD NOT BEING GIVEN TO PEOPLE COMING OUT OF
21 INCARCERATION, I HAD MANAGED ALMOST FOUR HOMES FOR BROTHERS
22 AND SISTERS COMING OUT OF HOMES. AND THEY HAVE NO WAYS OF
23 EATING, HAVING PROPER NUTRITION. WE WOULD DO WHAT WE WOULD DO
24 INSIDE EVEN PRISON AND THAT WOULD BE DOING A SPREAD. WE WOULD
25 GET BAGS AND PUT TOP RAMEN AND BEANS AND RICE AND STUFF LIKE



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1 THAT INSIDE OF THE BAGS. AND WE WOULD DO IT THAT WAY IN ORDER
2 FOR THEM TO ALL HAVE SOMETHING TO EAT. THIS IS WHAT IS DONE IN
3 PRACTICE INSIDE OF THE PRISONS. SO WHEN THEY COME OUT, THEY
4 CAN READILY UNDERSTAND THAT WHEN THEY COME OUT THAT WHEN THEY
5 HAD NOTHING TO CONTRIBUTE, THAT WOULD NOT BE GIVEN TO THEM
6 BECAUSE THEY HAVE NO RATIONS OF FOOD TO GIVE TOWARD THE
7 SPREAD. AND THAT SPREAD WOULD BE SOMEWHAT OF A BIG TRASH BAG.
8 AND WE WOULD OPEN UP THE SIDE. AND WE WOULD SPREAD IT OUT INTO
9 BOWLS AND GIVE THEM FIRST RATION AND SECOND RATION AND
10 THEREFORE AND THERE ON. BUT WHEN THAT FOOD IS NOT GIVEN TO
11 THEM, THEY RESORT TO OTHER MEANS, THE NECESSARY MEANS OF GOING
12 OUT AND GETTING FOOD FOR THEMSELVES AND SOMETIMES THEY MAY
13 EVEN STEAL. AND THAT'S WHERE WE WOULD TRY TO NOT ALLOW THEM TO
14 HAVE THE BEHAVIOR OF GOING BACK INTO THE COMMUNITY AND DOING
15 THINGS THAT WOULD NOT BE BENEFICIAL FOR THEIR DEVELOPMENT TO
16 PROGRESS AND TO OUR SOCIETY WE CALL AMERICA, AS WE CALL AS
17 BEING CIVIL. AND THIS IS SOMETHING THAT IT'S IMPORTANT THAT WE
18 NECESSARILY LOOK AT THE HUMANITY OF WHAT WE ARE GIVING AS
19 LEADERS IN OUR COMMUNITY TO MAKE SURE OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS
20 EAT RATIONALLY AND EAT SOMETHING ACCORDINGLY FOR THEIR OWN
21 SELVES AND FOR THEIR FAMILY MEMBERS AS WELL AS FOR OTHERS WHO
22 MAY GO WITHOUT. I JUST RECENTLY TWO WEEKS AGO WAS AT A MEETING
23 AND WE LEFT AND WENT TO I THINK IT WAS EL POLLO LOCO, AND A
24 MAN HAD JUST LOST HIS JOB. AND HE WAS OUTSIDE THE RESTAURANT
25 BEGGING FOR ALMS. I JUST FELT LED JUST TO GIVE HIM \$2 SO HE



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1 CAN GET HIM A PIECE OF CHICKEN, BECAUSE HE HAD NO WAYS OR
2 MEANS OF GOING BECAUSE HE HAD A DRUG CONVICTION AND HE'D LOST
3 HIS JOB AND HAD BEEN OUT FOR TWO WEEKS AND HE WAS HOMELESS
4 BECAUSE HE WAS STAYING IN A HOTEL. SO THIS IS A PLAGUE THAT
5 HAS BEEN SERIOUSLY AFFECTING OUR CITY. AND WE WOULD HOPE AND
6 STRONGLY URGE THAT YOU GIVE CREDENCE TOWARDS 828 AND MAKE SURE
7 THAT WE HAVE RATIONS OF FOOD FOR OUR PEOPLE AND GIVE THEM THE
8 BENEFIT OF HAVING SOME SELF-WORTHINESS TO GO TO THESE VARIOUS
9 DEPARTMENTAL AGENCIES AND GET THEIR BENEFITS THAT THEY
10 RIGHTFULLY DESERVE IN ORDER TO REHABILITATE THE MAN AND THE
11 WOMAN IN OUR SOCIETY WE CALL AMERICA. THANK YOU.

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. HAVE YOU BEEN HEARD?

14

15 **HANNA DERSHOWITZ:** NO, SIR.

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17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** WHAT IS YOUR NAME?

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19 **HANNA DERSHOWITZ:** HANNA DERSHOWITZ. I'M SORRY, I DID NOT MEAN
20 TO WAVE AND I APOLOGIZE. GOOD AFTERNOON MR. CHAIRMAN.

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22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** YOU CAN CHANGE YOUR MIND, THOUGH.
23 NEVER MIND.

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1 **HANNA DERSHOWITZ:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MR. CHAIRMAN AND
2 DISTINGUISHED MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. I AM HANNA DERSHOWITZ, I'M
3 WITH THE A.C.L.U. OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. AND I UNDERSTAND THE
4 ITEM'S BEEN CONTINUED, BUT I, WITH YOUR INDULGENCE, JUST
5 WANTED TO MAKE A BRIEF STATEMENT. I WANTED TO APPLAUD THE
6 BOARD'S HAVING TAKEN A PROACTIVE STATEMENT ON THIS ISSUE, A
7 PROACTIVE POSITION ON THIS ISSUE. AND IN LIGHT OF THE FACT
8 THAT THE ITEM MAY BE HEARD IN THE STATE LEGISLATURE SHORTLY,
9 I'D LIKE TO ECHO THE PREVIOUS SPEAKER'S REQUEST THAT ANY
10 ASSISTANCE THAT THIS COUNTY MAY OFFER TO THE STATE'S MEMBERS
11 DECIDING THE ISSUE THERE WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED. A.B.828
12 AND SIMILAR EFFORTS TO WELCOME MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY WHO
13 HAVE ALREADY SERVED THEIR SENTENCES BACK INTO THE COMMUNITY
14 FOR A FRESH START, IF YOU'LL EXCUSE THE PUN, IS AN IMPORTANT
15 VALUE, SERVES AN IMPORTANT VALUE. AND WE VERY MUCH APPRECIATE
16 THE BOARD'S UNDERSTANDING AND SUPPORT OF THAT VALUE, OF
17 WELCOMING THESE PEOPLE BACK FOR PRODUCTIVE ENGAGEMENT IN OUR
18 COMMUNITIES. THESE BENEFITS SUPPORT THE SUCCESS OF THESE
19 INDIVIDUALS AND IN FACT YIELD ADDITIONAL BENEFITS IN REDUCING
20 RECIDIVISM AND THERE'S AMPLE ACADEMIC RESEARCH TO SUPPORT
21 THAT. SO WITHHOLDING THESE BENEFITS WOULD OF COURSE, THE
22 COROLLARY, UNDERMINE THAT SUCCESS, AND IMPOSES UNNECESSARY
23 PENALTIES BEYOND THAT WHICH HAS BEEN IMPOSED BY THE COURTS AND
24 IN FACT CAN LEAD TO UNNECESSARY INCARCERATIONS WHICH, OF
25 COURSE, WE WOULD LIKE TO AVOID. SO I ALSO JUST WANT TO MENTION



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1 TURNING AWAY FEDERAL DOLLARS WILL REDUCE -- THAT PROVIDE BASIC
2 NEEDS WILL LEAD TO A LOSS IN ECONOMIC ACTIVITY BEYOND THE LOSS
3 OF THOSE DOLLARS. SO FOR EVERY DOLLAR THAT'S TURNED AWAY,
4 ECONOMISTS HAVE CALCULATED THAT \$1.73 IS LOST TO THE
5 COMMUNITY. THAT'S OF COURSE MONEY THAT WILL FLOW INTO THE
6 ECONOMIC ACTIVITY IN THIS COUNTY. SO ACCORDINGLY, LOS ANGELES
7 AND THE REST OF THE STATE SHOULD -- WOULD ACCRUE ADDITIONAL
8 BENEFITS BEYOND THE BASIC SUSTENANCE THAT THESE INDIVIDUALS
9 WILL RECEIVE. SO THANK YOU AGAIN FOR AFFIRMING YOUR COMMITMENT
10 TO ACCESS TO SERVICES FOR ALL NEEDY PEOPLE REGARDLESS OF THEIR
11 PAST AND SETTLED TRANSGRESSIONS. THANK YOU.

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. MR. RIDLEY-THOMAS,
14 YOU'RE ASKING THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED UNTIL SEPTEMBER 4.
15 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. ON ITEM 14, IF I CAN JUST --
16 MARK, IS THAT ALL YOU HAVE? OKAY. ON ITEM 14, I'D LIKE TO ASK
17 THE MATTER BE CONTINUED FOR ANOTHER TWO WEEKS TO AUGUST 28.
18 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. I HAVE ONE ADJOURNING MOTION,
19 WHICH I HAVE BEEN MEANING TO DO FOR A WHILE. I MOVE THAT WE
20 ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF KENNY HEITZ WHO WAS A LONGTIME
21 RESIDENT OF OUR DISTRICT, RESIDENT OF PACIFIC PALISADES, A
22 PROMINENT SUCCESSFUL LOCAL ATTORNEY AND ONE-TIME U.C.L.A.
23 N.C.A.A. CHAMPIONSHIP BASKETBALL PLAYER WHO PASSED AWAY LAST
24 MONTH AT THE AGE OF 65 AT HIS HOME AFTER BATTLING CANCER.
25 AFTER GRADUATING SUMMA CUM LAUDE AND PHI BETA KAPPA FROM



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1 U.C.L.A. IN 1969, KENNY WAS DRAFTED BY THE MILWAUKEE BUCKS
2 ALONG WITH HIS TEAMMATE LEW ALCINDOR LATER TO BE KNOWN AS
3 KAREEM ABDUL-JABBAR. BUT HE ELECTED INSTEAD TO ATTEND HARVARD
4 LAW SCHOOL, WHERE HE LATER GRADUATED WITH HONORS. HE WENT ON
5 TO JOIN THE LAW FIRM OF IRELL & MANELLA, BECOMING A SENIOR
6 PARTNER IN COMMERCIAL LITIGATION AND CORPORATE LAW. HIS TIME
7 AS U.C.L.A. BASKETBALL PLAYER, WELL, STATISTICS SPEAK FOR
8 THEMSELVES. DURING HIS TIME ON THE U.C.L.A. BASKETBALL TEAM AS
9 A VARSITY PLAYER, THE TEAM WAS 88 AND 2. HE STARTED MANY OF
10 THOSE GAMES AS A GUARD AND OCCASIONALLY A FORWARD EVEN THOUGH
11 HE WAS ONLY SIX FOOT THREE. HE WAS NOT BLESSED WITH SOME OF
12 THE INCREDIBLE TALENT THAT THE OTHER PLAYERS THAT U.C.L.A.
13 RECRUITED WAS, BUT HE WAS AN INCREDIBLY HARD WORKER AND
14 INSPIRED NOT ONLY HIS TEAMMATES BUT A STUDENT BODY AND A
15 COMMUNITY THAT GREW TO REALLY LOVE HIS PLAYING AND LATER HIS
16 PERSON. HE WAS A VERY SUCCESSFUL LAWYER IN LOS ANGELES AND
17 IT'S A GREAT LOSS TO THE LAW FIRM AND TO HIS FAMILY. HE'S
18 SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, LINDA; A DAUGHTER, ALEX; HIS FORMER
19 WIFE, BARBARA; AND TWO DAUGHTERS BY THAT MARRIAGE, JENNIFER
20 AND JOANNA; AND TWO GRANDDAUGHTERS. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO
21 ORDERED. ITEM 13? I'M SORRY. I HAVE SEVERAL OTHER ADJOURNING
22 MOTIONS, AS WELL, AND THEN WE'LL GET TO ITEM 13. KARL FLEMING,
23 A LONGTIME RESIDENT OF OUR DISTRICT AND A VETERAN PRINT AND
24 BROADCAST JOURNALIST WHO PASSED AWAY RECENTLY DUE TO A NUMBER
25 OF AILMENTS AT THE AGE OF 84. KARL WAS BORN IN NORTH CAROLINA,



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1 BORN INTO POVERTY, RAISED IN AN ORPHANAGE, JOINED THE NAVY AT
2 17 AND LATER ATTENDED COLLEGE ON A G.I. BILL LEAVING FOR WHAT
3 BECAME A STRING OF LOCAL NEWSPAPER JOBS BEFORE JOINING
4 "NEWSWEEK" IN 1961. HE SOON ESTABLISHED -- WHERE HE SOON
5 ESTABLISHED HIMSELF AS ONE OF THE NATION'S LEADING REPORTERS
6 COVERING THE EARLY CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT. KARL FLEMING'S
7 FEARLESS REPORTING AND PERSONAL COURAGE IN THE FACE OF
8 CONSTANT PHYSICAL DANGER LED TO HIS REASSIGNMENT AS LOS
9 ANGELES "NEWSWEEK" BUREAU CHIEF AT THE TIME OF THE WATTS RIOTS
10 AND WIDESPREAD URBAN UNREST, A POSITION HE HELD FOR NEARLY A
11 DECADE, DESPITE SUFFERING A SEVERE BEATING AT ONE POINT THAT
12 LEFT HIM WITH PERMANENT INJURIES. HE LATER LAUNCHED AN
13 ALTERNATIVE JOURNALISM PUBLICATION AND LATER JOINED K.C.B.S.
14 CHANNEL 2 AS A POLITICAL EDITOR SERVING NEARLY A DECADE BEFORE
15 LEAVING TO LAUNCH A MEDIA CONSULTANCY AND TEACH JOURNALISM AT
16 U.S.C. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, ANNE TAYLOR FLEMING; FOUR
17 SONS, CHARLES, DAVID, RUSSELL AND MARK; A SISTER, ETHEL GRAY;
18 AND EIGHT GRANDCHILDREN. RUTH RICHTER, A LONGTIME RESIDENT OF
19 OUR DISTRICT AND FOUNDING CO-OWNER WITH HER HUSBAND OF THE
20 WEST VALLEY CYCLE SALES, RECENTLY -- YEAH, MIKE WILL JOIN ME
21 ON THAT, RECENTLY PASSED AWAY. JAY AND RUTH RICHTER FOUNDED
22 THEIR CYCLE SHOP IN 1950 WHEN THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY WAS
23 STILL A RURAL AND LARGELY UNDEVELOPED COMMUNITY. AND TODAY
24 IT'S THE OLDEST CONTINUOUS B.M.W. MOTORCYCLE DEALERSHIP IN THE
25 NATION, A SECOND- GENERATION FAMILY BUSINESS. RUTH WAS A



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1 RESIDENT OF WINNETKA. SHE HAD MANY YEARS OF VOLUNTEER SERVICE
2 EXPERIENCE IN THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY. MAYOR SAM YORTY
3 APPOINTED HER TO THE MAYOR'S TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE IN 1970,
4 AND SHE LATER SERVED FOR 10 YEARS ON THE R.T.D. BOARD OF
5 DIRECTORS FROM 1976 TO '86. SHE WAS TOM BRADLEY'S APPOINTEE.
6 SHE WAS A 51-YEAR BOARD MEMBER OF THE WINNETKA CHAMBER OF
7 COMMERCE, SERVING THREE TERMS AS ITS PRESIDENT. SHE IS
8 SURVIVED BY HER HUSBAND JAY; TWO DAUGHTERS, LAURIE RICHTER-
9 WATSON, AND RUTH RICHTER-CARLSON; AND GRANDSON, JAY CARLSON.
10 RUTH WAS A WONDERFUL, WONDERFUL WOMAN WITH WHOM I STAYED IN
11 TOUCH UNTIL THE VERY END. GARY KLEIN, A LONGTIME RESIDENT OF
12 OUR DISTRICT AND VICE CHAIR OF THE CALABASAS PLANNING
13 COMMISSION DIED TRAGICALLY AS HE WAS BEING HOSPITALIZED
14 FOLLOWING A RECENT CAR CRASH. RECOGNIZED FOR HIS WORK AS A
15 CALABASAS CITIZEN OF THE YEAR IN 2009, HE HAD BEEN A PLANNER
16 FOR THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES BEFORE RETIRING IN 2006. A
17 CALABASAS RESIDENT SINCE 1989, HE HAD BEEN ACTIVE IN LOCAL
18 HOMEOWNER ASSOCIATIONS AND SERVED ON THE CALABASAS PLANNING
19 COMMISSION SINCE 2001. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE CHARLENE;
20 TWO SONS, MICHAEL AND EVAN; AND A GRANDSON HARRISON. SIDNEY
21 REZNICK, LONGTIME COMEDY WRITER FROM RADIO TELEVISION'S GOLDEN
22 AGE PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 93 HERE IN LOS ANGELES. BORN IN
23 NEW YORK, HE BEGAN A CAREER IN THE EARLY 1940S WRITING FOR
24 RADIO COMEDY STARRING JIMMY DURANTE, BOB HOPE, AL JOLSON,
25 ETHEL MERMAN, PHIL SILVERS, ED WYNN, STEVE ALLEN, SAM



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1 LEVENSON, AMONG MANY OTHERS. LATER MOVING INTO TELEVISION
2 WHERE HE WROTE FOR JACK PAAR, GARY MOORE, JACKIE GLEASON,
3 AMONG OTHERS. BECOMING A TOP STAFF WRITER FOR THE JOHNNY
4 CARSON TONIGHT SHOW BOTH IN NEW YORK AND LOS ANGELES. HE ALSO
5 WROTE FOR SOME OF THE LEADING SITCOMS OF THE DAY INCLUDING
6 "LOVE AMERICAN STYLE," "THE LOVE BOAT," "THE ODD COUPLE," AND
7 OTHERS. IN 1968, HE CONTRIBUTED JOKES AND ONE-LINERS FOR
8 HUBERT HUMPHREY'S PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN CHIDING RICHARD NIXON
9 FOR HIS REFUSAL TO DEBATE HUMPHREY. I'M NOT GOING TO READ
10 THAT, IT'S NOT FUNNY. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS SONS, BRUCE AND
11 ROBERT; AND TWO GRANDCHILDREN. JOAN STEIN, LONGTIME RESIDENT
12 OF OUR DISTRICT IN HOLLYWOOD AND AN AWARD-WINNING STAGE AND
13 T.V. PRODUCER, PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 59 AFTER A SHORT
14 BATTLE WITH CANCER. AMONG HER BETTER KNOWN L.A. STAGE
15 PRODUCTIONS WERE "LOVE LETTERS," "FOREVER PLAID" AND STEVE
16 MARTIN'S "PICASSO AT THE LAPIN AGILE." FOR 10 YEARS SHE CO-
17 MANAGED THE CANON THEATRE IN BEVERLY HILLS, PRIOR TO WORKING
18 IN TELEVISION. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER HUSBAND, TED WEIANT; HER
19 MOTHER, AND TWO SISTERS. WITHOUT OBJECTION, UNANIMOUS VOTE.
20 NOW ITEM 13. WE HAVE TWO PEOPLE THAT HAVE ASKED TO BE HEARD ON
21 ITEM 13. TANYA OLVERA, AND KHANH PHAM. TANYA?

22

23 **TANYA OLVERA:** GOOD AFTERNOON, HONORABLE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.
24 MY NAME IS TANYA OLVERA, AS YOU KNOW --

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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** TANYA, COULD YOU MOVE THE MIC
2 DIRECTLY IN FRONT OF YOU SO WE COULD HEAR YOU BETTER? THERE
3 YOU GO. THANKS.

4

5 **TANYA OLVERA:** AND I AM AN S.S.I. ADVOCATE FROM DISTRICT 7.
6 CURRENTLY THERE IS A PILOT PROGRAM THAT'S BEING PRESENTED TO
7 YOU AND ASKING FOR INITIAL FUNDING WHICH WE FEEL COULD BE A
8 WASTE OF TAXPAYERS' MONEY. ADDITIONALLY, WE FEEL THAT THE
9 MEANS IN WHICH THE PILOT PROGRAM IS PRESENTED COULD JEOPARDIZE
10 THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE S.S.I. ADVOCATES, THE UNION AND
11 ST. JOHNS, PREVENTING THE OVERALL SUCCESS OF THE PILOT
12 PROGRAM. INITIAL PLANNING FOR THE PILOT PROGRAM WAS CONDUCTED
13 IN 2010 WITH FOUR S.S.I. ADVOCATES AND A UNION REPRESENTATIVE.
14 HOWEVER, NONE OF THE FOUR S.S.I. ADVOCATES WERE EVER EMPLOYED
15 AT DISTRICT 7, NOR WERE ANY REPRESENTATIVES FROM DISTRICT 7
16 CONSULTED DURING THE CREATION OF THE PILOT PROGRAM THAT WE ARE
17 BEING DIRECTED TO CONDUCT. LITTLE INFORMATION CONCERNING THE
18 PILOT PROGRAM HAS BEEN DISBURSED. HOWEVER, THE LITTLE
19 INFORMATION WE HAVE RECEIVED, WE FEEL THAT MANY OF THE
20 SERVICES THAT THE PILOT PROGRAM IS ASKING FUNDING FOR IS
21 ALREADY OFFERED THROUGH G.R.S.S.I. NOW. FOR EXAMPLE, THE PILOT
22 STATES ST. JOHN'S WILL PROVIDE MEDICAL SERVICES TO STRENGTHEN
23 PARTICIPANTS' MEDICAL HISTORY. HOWEVER, CURRENTLY IN PLACE AND
24 FUNDED IS HEALTHY WAY L.A. AND SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION,
25 WHICH ALREADY HAS SAME-DAY MEDICAL SERVICES. ALSO, THE PILOT



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1 SAYS ST. JOHN'S WILL GET MEDICAL RECORDS, WHICH WE ALREADY
2 HAVE THE RECORD RETRIEVAL PROGRAM. AND SOCIAL SECURITY HAS THE
3 ELECTRONIC RECORDS EXPRESS FOR ALL HOSPITALS AND CLINICS,
4 INCLUDING PRIVATE HOSPITALS. IN CLOSING, FIVE OUT OF THE NINE
5 CURRENT S.S.I. ADVOCATES AT DISTRICT 7 STAND BEFORE YOU
6 WITHOUT ANY REPRESENTATION OR SUPPORT FROM THE UNION TO VOICE
7 OUR CONCERNS OF THE SOUTH SPECIAL PILOT. WE FEAR THAT THERE
8 WILL BE THOUSANDS -- HUNDREDS AND THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS WASTED
9 ON THIS PILOT PROGRAM THAT OFFERS SERVICES WE ARE ALREADY IN
10 PLACE CREATING CONFLICT OF INTEREST IN WHICH WE DO NOT
11 UNDERSTAND WHY OUR UNION SUPPORTS IT. THE HISTORY OF THIS
12 PILOT PROGRAM HAS EVOLVED OVER THE FEW YEARS, INITIALLY
13 THREATENING TO REPLACE S.S.I. ADVOCATES WITH ST. JOHN'S TO
14 WHAT YOU SEE TODAY. CLEAR LINES OF COMMUNICATION HAVE NOT BEEN
15 PROVIDED AND CURRENT INTENTIONS ARE NOT UNDERSTOOD. WE ASK FOR
16 YOU TO CEASE AND DESIST ALL FUNDING FOR THE PILOT PROGRAM
17 UNTIL THE CURRENT DISTRICT 7 S.S.I. ADVOCATES HAVE THE
18 OPPORTUNITY TO REVIEW THE FULL PILOT PROGRAM AND MAKE
19 SUGGESTIONS REDUCING THE COST AND TO GAIN SECURITY FOR CURRENT
20 EMPLOYEES TO MOST IMPORTANTLY BENEFIT THE APPLICANTS, THE
21 FUNDING AND INSURE S.S.I. ADVOCATES ARE ABLE TO PROVIDE THE
22 BEST SERVICES AVAILABLE. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND THE
23 OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK BEFORE YOU.

24

25 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. MR. PHAM?



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2 **KHANH PHAM:** GOOD AFTERNOON SUPERVISOR. MY NAME IS KHANH PHAM,
3 S.S.I. ADVOCATE WITH THE COUNTY OF LA. I JUST WANT TO FOLLOW
4 UP ON WHAT MS. OLVERA HAD STATED. THE COUNTY RECENTLY
5 IMPLEMENTED AN ACT CALLED THE H.I.P.P.A. ACT. H.I.P.P.A.
6 STANDS FOR HEALTH INFORMATION [INSURANCE] PROTECTION
7 [PORTABILITY] PRIVACY ACT. ST. JOHN'S WILL BE SENDING IN
8 INEXPERIENCED WORKERS WITH JUST ONE YEAR OF EXPERIENCE. THEY
9 WILL BE HANDLING OUR CLIENTS' MEDICAL AND PERSONAL
10 INFORMATION. THAT'S A LOT OF PERSONAL INFORMATION TO BE
11 PASSING HANDS. IN THE END, IF IT'S ABOUT HELPING THE G.R.
12 CLIENTS, DOESN'T IT MAKE SENSE TO PUT THIS MONEY INSTEAD
13 TOWARDS HOUSING TO HELP EASE HOMELESSNESS INSTEAD OF REDUNDANT
14 WORK BY ST. JOHN'S? THANK YOU.

15

16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. I HAVE NO OTHER CARDS.
17 ANY DISCUSSION? RIDLEY-THOMAS MOVES ITEM 13. APPROVAL OF ITEM
18 13 SECONDED BY KNABE. WITHOUT OBJECTION, UNANIMOUS VOTE.
19 PUBLIC COMMENT? DIANA BEARD WILLIAMS FROM LANCASTER? DO WE
20 HAVE HER ON?

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22 **DIANA BEARD WILLIAMS:** I AM HERE.

23

24 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OH, THERE SHE IS, OKAY. GO AHEAD.

25



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1 **DIANA BEARD WILLIAMS:** I'M HERE HAIRLESS TODAY. IT'S HOT.
2 SHOULD I BEGIN?

3

4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** YES. WE CAN HEAR YOU. GO AHEAD.

5

6 **DIANA BEARD WILLIAMS:** THE NOTE THAT I PUT ON MY DOCUMENT WAS
7 THAT I WANTED TO SPEAK TODAY ABOUT THE CORRUPTION, THE
8 DECEPTION, THE KICKBACKS, THE DEAL MAKING THAT I BELIEVE GOES
9 ON IN THE MICHAEL ANTONOVICH COURTHOUSE AND HAS BEEN GOING ON
10 FOR SOME TIME AND I HAVE MENTIONED TO SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH IN
11 THE PAST. BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY THAN THAT, I FEEL THAT I HAVE
12 WRITTEN A DOCUMENT CALLED THE ABSENCE OF HONOR OVER THE LAST
13 FIVE OR SIX YEARS. AND THE CORRUPTION THAT I COULD DOCUMENT IN
14 THAT COURTHOUSE AND THE KICKBACKS, ET CETERA, IS NOT GOING TO
15 GO AWAY. SO SOMEONE WAS SPEAKING TO ME AND I THINK A GREATER
16 ISSUE THAT I NEED TO COVER TODAY IS WHAT IS HAPPENING AT CAL
17 STATE UNIVERSITY IN NORTHRIDGE. I THINK THAT THERE NEEDS TO BE
18 -- AND I'VE SPOKEN WITH THE CHANCELLOR, BUT NO ONE SEEMS TO
19 TAKE IT SERIOUS UNTIL THERE'S A CRISIS SITUATION -- BUT NO ONE
20 IS REALLY LOOKING OUT FOR THE NEEDS OF THE STUDENTS. WE TALK
21 ABOUT RAISING TUITION, AND YET I DID AN 18-MONTH STUDY OF CAL
22 STATE UNIVERSITY NORTHRIDGE MYSELF, AND WHAT I FOUND WAS THAT
23 IN A PROGRAM CALLED OR DEPARTMENT P.P.M. THAT WAS UNDER THE
24 HEADING OF TOM BROWN, THERE HAVE BEEN WHAT I BELIEVE THE
25 MISUSE OF PUBLIC EQUIPMENT FOR USE OF HIS HOME. I HAVE FOUND



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1 PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN OVERPAID DOING ABSOLUTELY NOTHING. I HAVE
2 FOUND SITUATIONS WHERE WOMEN HAVE HAD TO HAVE SEX TO KEEP
3 THEIR JOBS. I HAVE FOUND SITUATIONS WHERE OVERTIME PAY IS
4 GIVEN OUT LIKE CANDY TO INDIVIDUALS LIKE TERRY VASQUEZ. IT
5 GOES ON AND ON AND ON. AND I WOULD LIKE TO BE ABLE TO SHARE
6 THIS REPORT WITH SOMEONE WHO IS GOING TO TAKE ACTION AND NOT
7 HIDE. WE ARE RAISING THE TUITION PEOPLE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY
8 ON THESE STUDENTS THAT GO TO THESE SCHOOLS, YET THERE IS NO
9 ATTEMPT TO AUDIT, LOOK INTO THE CORRUPTION, LOOK INTO THE
10 OVERPAYING, LOOK INTO THE CHEATING, LOOK INTO THE SCANDALS
11 THAT ARE GOING ON AT THIS INSTITUTION. AND I HAVE DOCUMENTED
12 IT. AND I LOOK FORWARD TO ANY BOARD OF SUPERVISOR MEMBER TO
13 HAVE THE COURAGE TO COME TO ME AND TALK TO ME ABOUT IT AND
14 STOP SWEEPING IT UNDER THE RUG. NEXT, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, I
15 WILL TALK ABOUT YOUR COURTHOUSE THAT IS NAMED AFTER YOU THAT
16 SHAMEFULLY YOU HAVE ALLOWED THINGS TO GO ON FOR YEARS AND
17 YEARS, INCLUDING THE MANIPULATION OF WARRANTS AGAINST
18 INDIVIDUALS BY PEOPLE LIKE R.X. PARIS. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
19 AND I HOPE TO GOD THIS BOARD WILL EXERCISE SOME TYPE OF
20 OVERSIGHT AND CLEAN UP THE MICHAEL ANTONOVICH COURTHOUSE AND
21 CLEAN UP --

22

23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY, THANK YOU. TIME IS UP.

24

25 **DIANA BEARD WILLIAMS:** YOU ARE WELCOME.



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. ARNOLD SACHS? IRENE PANG?
3 MARGUERITE BUCKLEY? ALL RIGHT, MISS PANG?

4

5 **IRENE PANG:** THANK YOU.

6

7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** GO AHEAD.

8

9 **IRENE PANG:** GOOD AFTERNOON. I'M IRENE PANG. I'M CONCERNED
10 ABOUT FIRST, AGAIN, IT'S IMPORTANT TO RECOGNIZE THE OWNERSHIP
11 OF THE PROPERTY AND THE COMFORT IN THE FOOD OVER THE PROPERTY
12 DAMAGED AND LOSS, ALSO INCLUDE PHYSICAL DAMAGE CONDITION.
13 SECOND, I ASK THE COUNTY OF THE LOS ANGELES GOVERNMENT TO
14 SUPPORT THE SAFETY THAT RELATES TO THE PROPERTY OF MY
15 BROTHER'S FAMILY. ACCORDING TO THE LAW, ALL THEIR PROMISE
16 CONTRACT AND OUR WOMEN AIDING UNDER VIOLATION FORCE AND NOT
17 FITTING IN ALL THEIR PROMISED CONTRACT AND AGREEMENTS ARE
18 VOIDED. THIRD, I NEED MY EARNING TO SUPPORT MY DAILY LIVING.
19 FOUR, I ASK THE JUSTICE SYSTEM OF THE GOVERNMENT TO RESETTLE
20 OF THE COVERAGE OF \$300 LOSS OF THE PILL. ONLY THE BANK
21 CONTROL THE KEYS OF THE SAFETY DEPOSIT BOX OF THE CUSTOMER FOR
22 THE ANNUAL CHECKING FOR THE GOVERNMENT REQUIREMENT. THANK YOU.

23

24 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. MR. SACHS?

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1 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU. GOOD AFTERNOON, ARNOLD SACHS. A
2 FEW THINGS ON MY AGENDA TODAY. I'D LIKE TO CONGRATULATE YOU,
3 SUPERVISOR KNABE, FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP IN THE STRIKE TEAM THAT
4 THE ARTICLE MENTIONS IN THE "DAILY BREEZE" REGARDING THE
5 CUTBACKS OF DEFENSE CONTRACTING. BUT MY CONCERNS ARE: IN
6 ADDITION TO A STRIKE TEAM TO LESSEN THE CUTBACKS, THE STRIKE
7 TEAM ALSO LOOK INTO WHAT CAN BE ALLOCATED OR WHAT CAN BE DONE
8 TO CREATE NEW POSITIONS, BECAUSE UNFORTUNATELY WITH THE
9 PRIVATIZATION BEING DONE BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IN A LOT OF
10 AREAS THAT RELATE TO THESE DEFENSE CONTRACT CUTBACKS, CUTBACKS
11 ARE GOING TO HAPPEN. AND THE FALLOUT SHOULD BE ADDRESSED PRIOR
12 TO THEM HAPPENING THAN AFTER THEY HAPPEN. THAT BEING SAID,
13 THERE WAS A STORY IN THE NEWSPAPER REGARDING THE ROSE BOWL
14 THAT JUST NOW IN THE MIDST OF \$179 MILLION RENOVATION, THE
15 ROSE BOWL. WHAT'S GOING ON AT THE COLISEUM? OH THAT'S RIGHT,
16 THEY'RE BROKE. SO HOW CAN THE ROSE BOWL BE SOMEWHAT SUCCESSFUL
17 AND IT'S \$179 MILLION RENOVATION, AND THE COLISEUM BE BROKE?
18 I'D LIKE TO GET A QUESTION ANSWERED ON THAT. IN ADDITION,
19 THERE WERE SEVERAL ARTICLES IN THE NEWSPAPER REGARDING SOME
20 OVERSIGHT PROBLEMS WITH RECYCLING. AND THAT BEING SAID, YOU
21 HAVE OVERSIGHT FOR CONDOMS AND ADULT PORN, BUT YOU DON'T HAVE
22 OVERSIGHT FOR THESE INDUSTRIES THAT ARE DOING HIGH-LEVEL
23 RECYCLING. AND FINALLY THE MEASURE R DISCUSSION, LAST WEEK DID
24 YOU PAY ATTENTION TO THE LEGAL ADVICE FROM THE GOLD LINE
25 CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY? HOW DOES THE GOLD LINE CONSTRUCTION



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1 AUTHORITY HAVE PRIVATE LEGAL PARTY WHEN THE EXPO LINE IS BEING

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4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU.

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6 **ARNOLD SACHS:** BEING LOOKED AFTER BY THE COUNTY COUNSEL.

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8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** YOUR TIME IS UP. THANK YOU. NEXT,

9 CLOSED SESSION.

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11 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** IN ACCORDANCE WITH BROWN ACT REQUIREMENTS,

12 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WILL

13 CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS ITEMS NO. CS-1, CS-2, CS-

14 3, CONFERENCES WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING EXISTING

15 LITIGATION AS INDICATED ON THE POSTED AGENDA. THANK YOU.

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